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THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM LANCASTER.

THE
ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM,
LANCASTER:

A TRAINING INSTITUTION

FOR

THE FEEBLE-MINDED

BELONGING TO

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND,
CUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

'God help the Imbecile! more dark their lot
Than dumb, or deaf, the cripple, or the blind:
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind;
Babes though full-grown; the page of life a blot.

'Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred?
Their need o'erlooked? shall Charity pass by,
Leave them to perish with averted eye?
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord!'

OFFICES:

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, LANCASTER;
EXCHANGE CHAMBERS, BANK STREET, MANCHESTER.

Principal and Secretary:—MR. JAMES DIGGENS.

OCTOBER, 1900.



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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM AT LANCASTER the sum of _____ free of duty, to be applicable for the purposes of such Institution, and I declare that the receipt of the TREASURER, or other proper officer, for the time being, of such Institution shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

I devise my [describe the property fully] _____ free of duty, unto the Royal Albert Asylum at Lancaster, for all my estate and interest therein, the same to be for the absolute use and benefit of the said Institution and applicable for the purposes thereof.*

** Until lately a Testator could give only money to a Charitable Institution, but now, by a recent Act of Parliament, he can give real estate (that is land, houses and other buildings, and chief rents) as well as money to such an Institution.*

LEGACIES.

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PROSPECTUS.

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM has been established for the care, education, and training of the Feeble-minded of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties, viz.:—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland. The number of Idiots and Imbeciles in England and Wales, returned at the Census of 1881 was 32,717. Of these, 8,764 belong to the Seven Counties, 2,422 being between Five years of age and Twenty. But accurate statistics as to the prevalence of idiocy or imbecility are difficult to obtain, and there is no doubt that the foregoing returns are considerably below the actual number, owing to the general ignorance on the subject, and the natural desire in families to conceal the existence of the malady.

Idiocy being generally accompanied by an abnormal or imperfectly developed physical organisation, which retards the growth of the intellectual and moral powers, Idiots require a distinctive treatment in separate Institutions, where the resources of the skilful physician can be best employed for the modification or correction of those defects which obscure the mind. The Commissioners in Lunacy, and the medical profession generally, condemn the association of Idiots with Lunatics, as in all respects very objectionable and mutually injurious. In their Report for 1865, the Commissioners observe: "It has long been our opinion, as the result of extended experience and observation, that the association of Idiot children with Lunatics is very objectionable and injurious to them, and upon our visits to County Asylums we have frequently suggested arrangements for their separate treatment and instruction. It is always to us a painful thing to see Idiot children, whose mental faculties and physical powers and habits are capable of much development and improvement, wandering, without object or special care, about the wards of a Lunatic Asylum. The benefits to be derived, even in idiot cases apparently hopeless, from a distinctive system, and from persevering endeavours to develop the dormant powers, physical and intellectual, are now so fully established that any argument upon the subject would be superfluous." Again, in their Report for 1874, the Commissioners state: "We should be glad to see the noble example of the Northern Counties in this direction followed in other parts of the kingdom, since Idiots form a large proportion of the mentally afflicted, and require peculiar treatment, distinct from that applicable to the Insane." Referring to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, the *Lancet* (June 20th, 1868) says:—"We hail the establishment of this Asylum as another proof of the more scientific therapeutics to which the insane are now subjected. Till within the last few years the Idiot or the Imbecile child was invariably accommodated, not only in the same building, but in the same ward, with the victims to dementia, melancholia, or chronic mania. The effects of this indiscriminate classification and treatment were most pernicious. The young Idiot or Imbecile at the impressible and plastic period of his life, suffered from daily and nightly contact with those confirmed or aggravated cases of lunacy, and the only opportunity available for his rescue was then allowed to slip, until his case also became aggravated or confirmed. The benefits of the new system have been signally satisfactory."

That much may be done to render the poor Idiot's life more tolerable to himself and less burdensome to his friends, has been abundantly demonstrated by the success of existing asylums. Dr. Langdon Down, speaking from his long experience as the Superintendent of the Earlswood, calculated that of the cases admitted into that Institution, "10 per cent. become self-supporting; 40 per cent. become so far improved as to cease to use up a sane life in their care, and become contributors to the common stock; and the remainder, all but 6 per cent., are invariably improved in their habits, and become

greatly lessened burdens on their families and society." Dr. Duncan, F.R.S., and Mr Millard (of the Eastern Counties' Asylum at Colchester), in their work on the "Classification, Training, and Education of Idiots," thus describe the success of specific treatment:—"Weak physical powers have been strengthened, uncleanly habits have been cured, the spiteful and irritable have become calm, the dependent self-depending; the idle have been rendered useful, the untutored have learned to read, write, count, and draw; the ability to earn much towards their own livelihood has been acquired by some, while in a few instances the capacity for earning sufficient for a maintenance and laying it out for themselves has been gained; and the moral and religious feelings have been aroused and fostered, so that excellent characters have been produced, and deeds of simple kindness have been performed by those who were once selfish, sensual, and depraved." The late Dr. Seguin, the distinguished physician, who may be regarded as the pioneer in this noble work, said, after thirty years' practical experience in the education and training of Idiots:—"Idiots have been improved, educated, and even cured; not one in a thousand has been entirely refractory to treatment; not one in a hundred who has not been made more happy and healthy; more than thirty per cent. have been taught to conform to social and moral law, and rendered capable of order, of good feeling, and of working like the third of a man; more than 40 per cent. have become capable of the ordinary transactions of life, under friendly control, of understanding moral and social abstractions, of working like two-thirds of a man; and twenty-five to thirty per cent. come nearer and nearer the standard of manhood, till some of them will defy the scrutiny of good judges when compared with ordinary young men and women."

The ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the Estate upon which it is erected consists of about 185 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the Lake Mountains. Accommodation has been provided for 640 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of idiots and imbeciles. The system of Training pursued in the Asylum is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental, and moral improvement of the patients. It includes gymnastic training, school education of a suitable kind, and instruction in a simple handicraft or other useful occupation. The Institution is under the medical care of a Resident Medical Officer and an Assistant Medical Officer.

Epileptic, Paralytic, and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Idiocy which is complicated with blindness or deafness, is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:—

PATIENTS.—Two classes of Patients, of both sexes, are admitted into the Asylum:—

1. Free patients, between the ages of Six and Fifteen, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are elected by the votes of the Subscribers, and received for Seven years, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Asylum.
2. Paying patients admitted by the Central Committee, without election, and at any time. The charges vary according to the requirements and circumstances of the friends of applicants.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the Principal and Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain if there be a reasonable probability that the Candidates will be benefited by the system adopted in the Asylum, and decide the terms on which they ought to be admitted. Previously to the election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—In order to meet the various opinions entertained as to the proper mode of electing patients, Subscribers have the option of voting directly by means of voting papers; or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for Votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of Five Guineas have a Life Vote, and Annual Subscribers of Half-a-Guinea an Annual Vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

VOTES OF MINISTERS.—Any Minister preaching, or lending his pulpit for, a Sermon on behalf of the Institution, has a Vote for Life. The Minister of the Place of Worship where the Collection is made, is also entitled to Life Votes for the amount thus raised, at the rate of One Vote for every Five Guineas.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every Ten Guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The Government of the Institution is confided to—

- (a) A Central Committee, which consists of Representatives from each of the Local Committees; and of Fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, to be chosen at the General Annual Meeting.
- (b) County Committees constituted by the Members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Asylum.
- (c) Local Committees, for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Asylum. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one Representative to the Central Committee, and an additional Representative for each entire Thousand Guineas in Donations after the first Thousand Guineas, and for each entire Fifty Guineas in Annual Subscriptions after the first Fifty Guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions. Of the 593 patients now in the Asylum, 265 belong to Lancashire, 166 to Yorkshire, 49 to Durham, 54 to Cheshire, 28 to Cumberland, 13 to Northumberland, 13 to Westmorland. Five full payment cases belong to counties not included in the Asylum district.

Testimony to the successful working of the Royal Albert Asylum has been borne by the Commissioners in Lunacy; by the late Dr. Seguin, of New York; and by other eminent authorities. The *Manchester Guardian*, *Manchester Examiner*, *Manchester Courier*, *Liverpool Courier*, *Leeds Mercury*, *Sheffield Independent*, *Bradford Observer*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Lancashire Daily Post*, *Preston Guardian*, *Preston Herald*, *Halifax Courier*, *Southport Visiter*, and other leading journals, have sent Special Correspondents to describe the daily life of the Institution.

The OBJECT being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee now confidently appeal for help to raise the Feeble-minded from their state of wasteful sloth, physical deterioration, and mental and moral darkness. The Applications for Admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested, under Rule 36, for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Reports, Pamphlets, Regulations of Admission, and other information, will be gladly supplied by the Principal and Secretary, Mr. James Diggens, Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster.

JOHN T. HIBBERT, *Chairman of the Central Committee.*

EDWARD LAWRENCE, Liverpool, }
ANDREW FAIRBAIRN, York, } *Vice-Chairmen.*

June 30th, 1900.

JAMES DIGGENS, *Principal and Secretary.*

The ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM having been established for the benefit of all classes of the Feeble-minded, the Central Committee have purchased a Detached House with extensive private grounds, in convenient proximity to the Asylum Estate, as a Home for special Private Patients attending the Schools and other Occupations at the Institution. BRUNTON HOUSE combines, for Private Patients paying remunerative rates, the seclusion and comforts of a Private Residence with the hygienic, educational, and training resources of a Public Institution under responsible management.

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM,

LANCASTER:

A TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED

OF THE

NORTHERN COUNTIES.

INSTITUTED DECEMBER 21, 1864.

Under the Patronage of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

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 THE MOST HON. THE MARQUIS OF RIPON, K.G.
 THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DERBY, K.G.
 THE RIGHT HON. EARL EGERTON OF TATTON.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD MUNCASTER.

Presidents.

HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT DURHAM.

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The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM was held at the Town Hall, Durham, on Tuesday, October 30th, 1900;

THE REV. CANON TRISTRAM, LL.D., F.R.S.,

(Chairman of the Durham County Committee),

PRESIDING.

The Report of the Central Committee was presented by the Principal and Secretary (Mr. James Diggins), and the CHAIRMAN addressed the Meeting:—

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed:—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented, and expresses its cordial satisfaction with the general progress which the review of the beneficent work of the Royal Albert Asylum during the past year clearly indicates; and this Meeting strongly commends the Institution to the generous support of the County of Durham and the other Associated Counties.

Moved by the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., (Chairman of the Central Committee), seconded by Professor Sir George H. Philipson, M.D., F.R.C.P., (Chairman of the Northumberland Committee.)

- 2.—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Central Committee, the title-name of the Institution be simply “The Royal Albert Asylum,” with the addition, when desirable, of the explanatory sub-title, “A Training Institution for the Feeble-minded of the Northern Counties”; and that, in order to carry this Resolution into effect, the following alterations be made in Rules I, II, and III of the General Rules and Regulations.

Rule I is—That the name of this Institution be “The Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles of the Northern Counties”

It is proposed to omit the words “*for Idiots and Imbeciles of the Northern Counties,*”

Rule II is—That the object of the Institution shall be the education and training of Idiots and Imbeciles, so as to fit them, as far as possible, for the duties and enjoyments of life.

It is proposed to omit the words “Idiots and Imbeciles,” and to substitute “*the Feeble-minded.*”

Rule III is—That such Idiots and Imbeciles as are not able to pay, and belong respectively to the counties of Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmorland, Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Cheshire, shall be admitted and placed on the foundation by the Votes of the Subscribers and the Committees to whom the Subscribers may have transferred their votes as hereinafter provided; but that such as can pay shall be admitted by and upon the sole authority of the Central Committee, upon payments and conditions to be determined from time to time by such Committee.

It is proposed to substitute for this Rule: “*That feeble-minded boys and girls whose parents, guardians, or friends are not able to pay, and who belong respectively to the counties of Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and*

Northumberland, shall be admitted and placed on the foundation by the Votes of the Subscribers and the Committees to whom the Subscribers may have transferred their votes as hereinafter provided ; but that payment-cases shall be admitted by and upon the sole authority of the Central Committee, at rates and upon conditions to be determined from time to time by such Committee."

Moved by W. E. M. Tomlinson, Esq., M.P., Heysham, Lancaster ; seconded by Dr. W. W. Wingate-Saul, Lancaster.

- 3.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee for their earnest, able, and efficient services in connection with the administration of the affairs of the Royal Albert Asylum ; and, in compliance with Rule 24, this Meeting hereby appoints the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., and the following Gentlemen to be Members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year :—

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Moved by Rev. A. W. Headlam, Gainford, Darlington ; seconded by Alderman Jepson, M.D., Durham.

- 4.—That this Meeting gratefully recognises the sympathetic, self-denying, and valuable services rendered to the Royal Albert Asylum by the County of Durham and the other Ladies' Associations.

Moved by John Satterthwaite, Esq., Lancaster ; seconded by Colonel Eden, Durham.

- 5.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditor, Albert Greg, Esq., and to the Professional Auditor, Mr. William G Welch, for their audit of the Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum, the inspection of the Deeds of the Asylum Estate, and the examination of the Securities held on the Sustentation Fund Account ; and this Meeting in compliance with Rule 34, hereby appoints John Satterthwaite, Esq., as Honorary Auditor, and Mr. A. B. S. Welch as Professional Auditor, for the ensuing year.

Moved by William Gray, Esq., Deputy Mayor of Durham ; seconded by T. J. Tomlinson, Esq., Hon. Sec., Durham County Committee.

- 6.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of the Royal Albert Asylum be held at Lancaster, on Wednesday, September 25th, 1901 ; and that notice thereof be given in Lancaster, Manchester, Liverpool, Rochdale, York, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Chester, Kendal, Carlisle, Durham, and Newcastle Newspapers.

Moved by Wm. G. Welch, Esq., Lancaster ; seconded by Rev. George Jepson, Lanchester.

A Vote of Thanks to the Chairman was moved by the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., (Chairman of the Central Committee), and carried with acclamation.

REPORT

*Presented at the General Annual Meeting,
held at Durham, October 30th,*

1900.

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The Central Committee have great pleasure in presenting their Thirty-sixth Annual Report, dating from the time when the Institution was projected in 1864, and the 30th since it actually began its benevolent work in 1870.

It was in 1868 that the project for establishing a Northern Counties Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles was formally submitted for the approval of the City and County of Durham, at a public meeting held under the presidency of the late Marquis of Londonderry (then Earl Vane). The meeting was large and influential. Among the earliest and staunchest of the local promoters of the Institution were the late Archdeacon Bland, Colonel Monks, Miss Dora Greenwell, and Miss Jane Hays. To Miss Greenwell's literary efforts on behalf of the cause of the Imbecile, the Institution has been greatly indebted for the education of public opinion in the North of England, and her able and graceful pen was always at the service of the Institution. Miss Jane Hays was the originator of the County of Durham Ladies' Association, which, with the earnest co-operation of other ladies, was formed in 1875, and which has raised for the funds of the Institution no less than £9,237 9s. 5d. Similar Associations have since been formed in all the other Northern Counties (with the exception of Northumberland), and with the most gratifying results. Archdeacon Bland was Chairman of the Durham Committee, and Colonel Monks the Honorary Secretary, both of whom took a deep interest in the progress of the Institution. In 1869 the first General Annual Meeting in Durham was held, at which Archdeacon Bland presided. The next public meeting in the City was held in 1875, in connection with the election of 25 patients,

Previous  
Meetings at  
Durham.

and was presided over by the then Lord Bishop of Durham (Dr. Baring), who pleaded the cause with great pathos and ability. In 1886, the General Annual Meeting was again held in Durham, when the Dean of Durham, Dr. W. C. Lake, presided. Now, after an interval of 14 years, the Central Committee again appear before their Durham subscribers and friends to render an account of their stewardship.

The last  
Annual Meeting.

The last Annual Meeting was held at Leeds on October 24th. The Lord Mayor (Lieut.-Colonel Harding) presided, and cordially commended the Institution to the support of the philanthropic public of Leeds and its neighbourhood. The following members of the Central Committee attended: The Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert (Chairman); Ald. C. F. Tetley, Ald. F. M. Lupton, Mr. R. Jowitt, Leeds; Mr. C. France, Bradford; Mr. B. S. Brigg, Keighley; Mr. J. Selwyn Rawson, Halifax; Mr. A. Greg, Dr. Wingate-Saul, Lancaster; Mr. G. D. Killey, Liverpool; and Mr. Herbert Radcliffe, Rochdale. Sir Andrew Fairbairn, the Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee, and Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee, was unfortunately unable to be present owing to illness, but in writing to the Lord Mayor he sent an additional donation of £132 10s., making a total sum of £700. Other donations were also received. It was hoped that this meeting would be the means of increasing the interest of the local community in the Institution, but this object was unfortunately prevented by the immediate formation of local War Funds, and, subsequently, of the Indian Famine Fund. The Committee are confident that, under the active influence of the Local Committee, Leeds will yet take its proper place among the towns contributing to the maintenance of the Institution. It derives considerable benefit from the Institution in the number of Imbeciles it sends to it for care and training.

Election of  
Patients  
at Bradford.

Like the General Annual Meeting, the Elections are held in the principal towns of the North of England, and Bradford, which has always rendered to the Institution generous support, was visited on the 18th of June for the election of 40 patients. For Lancashire there were 25 candidates for 15 vacancies; for Yorkshire, 31 candidates for 12 vacancies; for Cheshire, 4 candidates for 3 vacancies; for Westmorland, 1 candidate for 1 vacancy; for Cumberland, 4 candidates for



2 vacancies ; for Durham, 12 candidates for 6 vacancies ; and for Northumberland, 2 candidates for 1 vacancy. Sir Andrew Fairbairn presided at the Election. The Mayor of Bradford (Mr. W. C. Lupton) presided at the Public Meeting, and was supported by the following members of the Central Committee: The Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert (Chairman); Colonel Foster, M.P. ; Mr. B. S. Brigg, Keighley ; Mr. A. T. Clay, Rastrick ; Mr. D. J. Crossley, Hebden Bridge ; Mr. W. I. R. Crowder, Carlisle ; Mr. J. B. Dewhurst, Skipton ; Mr. T. F. Fenwick, Kirkby Lonsdale ; Mr. Chas. France, Bradford ; Mr. A. Greg, Lancaster ; Mr. John Hill, Bradford ; Mr. R. Jowitt, Ald. F. M. Lupton, Leeds ; Mr. G. D. Killey, Liverpool ; Mr. Herbert Radcliffe, Rochdale ; Mr. J. Selwyn Rawson, Halifax ; Mr. Edward Storey, Dr. Wingate-Saul, Lancaster. Excellent addresses were delivered at this meeting, and, although Bradford has hitherto taken a creditable position in the General Building and Maintenance Funds of the Institution, several liberal donations were contributed towards the Extension Fund, and some new Annual Subscriptions.

There are now in the Institution 593 patients, viz., 397 boys and 196 girls. At the date of the last Report there were 582, of whom 389 were boys and 193 girls. The total average number resident during the year has been 594, as compared with 581 last year.

Number and  
Classification of  
Patients.

The present inmates may be classified according to the Counties from which they have been received :

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Lancashire .....     | 265   |
| Yorkshire .....      | 166   |
| Cheshire .....       | 54    |
| Durham .....         | 49    |
| Cumberland .....     | 28    |
| Westmorland .....    | 13    |
| Northumberland ..... | 13    |
| Other Counties ..... | 5     |
|                      | <hr/> |
|                      | 593   |

Of these, 277 are election cases, 274 reduced-payment cases, 24 full-payment cases, 7 associated and private cases, 9 life-interest cases, and 2 presentation cases.

Shortly after the last General Annual Meeting, the Principal received an invitation from Lord Ashton to call upon him, and, after discussing the management and financial

Munificent  
Donation by  
Lord Ashton.



position of the Institution, and especially the state of the Extension Fund, his Lordship handed to the Principal a cheque for £10,000 as a donation, without any condition whatever. This splendid gift, which was as unexpected as encouraging, at once relieved the Central Committee from all possible embarrassment with regard to the completion of the Building Fund of the new Wing, and at their next meeting the following resolution was unanimously passed and a copy of it ordered to be forwarded to Lord Ashton :

" That the Central Committee most gratefully acknowledge the Right Hon. Lord Ashton's munificent Donation of £10,000 to the funds of the Royal Albert Asylum ; and that, as this splendid act of benevolence relieves the Committee from all anxiety with regard to the completion of the Extension Fund, they cordially request his Lordship's permission to call the new South Wing " The Ashton Wing."

To this request his Lordship replied by the following letter :—

RYELANDS, LANCASTER,  
14th December, 1899.

MY DEAR MR. DIGGENS,

I am much obliged to you for your letter.

Please convey to the Central Committee my thanks for the kind Resolution they passed at their last meeting, a copy of which you enclosed, and inform them that I appreciate very much the honour they propose to do me by associating my name with the new Wing,—an honour which I gladly accept.

Believe me

Yours sincerely,

ASHTON.

The new Wing has therefore been designated " The Ashton Wing."

Other great  
Benefactors.

The adjoining part of the main building is called " The Brooke Wing," in grateful commemoration of the munificent donation of £30,000 contributed by the late Rev. Richard Brooke and Mrs. Brooke, of Gateforth House, Selby. Surely the Central Committee should never lack faith, for how many times it has occurred in the history of the Institution that, when some great work was in contemplation or in progress, it has been put into the heart of some noble benefactor to render just the most opportune assistance. Two other remarkable illustrations of this fact are " The Rodgett Infirmary " and " The Storey Home for Feeble-minded Girls." With the development of the Institution other pressing needs will arise, which will, no doubt, be met in the same noble spirit of generosity.

It is satisfactory to be able to report that the general income of the Institution has been well sustained. It was feared that the claims upon public benevolence for special funds would diminish the resources available for more permanent and less exciting objects of charity ; but this has not affected the revenue of the Royal Albert Asylum. The total amount received on Maintenance Account during the year (omitting farm and garden items) is £21,683 6s. 2d., as compared with £20,857 12s. 0d. last year. The annual subscriptions are less by £13 10s. 2d., whilst the donations are more by £175 11s. 3d. The payments for patients are £596 9s. 4d. in excess of what they were last year. The contributions to the Sustentation Fund Account exceed those of last year. The legacies were then £361 10s., and the donations £680 (including £525 from Mr. H. L. Storey for the endowment of a second bed at the Storey Home). This year the legacies have amounted to £4,976 2s. 6d., and the donations to £280. The Extension (Ashton Wing) Fund Account has received in donations £10,865 6s. 8d., which includes Lord Ashton's £10,000 ; and, in addition, £70 0s. 2d. has accrued from bank interest. The Estate and Buildings Improvement Account has received £167 8s. 11d. from bank interest. The gross receipts for the year from all sources (without farm and garden items) have amounted to £38,042 4s. 5d.

The following is a list of the legacies received during the year :—

Legacies.

|                                                           | £    | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| Mr. Thomas Lockwood, Bilton House,<br>Harrogate .....     | 2000 | 0  | 0  |
| Sir Thomas Storey, Westfield House,<br>Lancaster .....    | 900  | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. Manassah Gledhill, Manchester.....                    | 511  | 2  | 6  |
| Mrs. Phillis Lowther, Fallowfield, Man-<br>chester .....  | 500  | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. Geo. Wm. Maxsted, Lancaster .....                     | 500  | 0  | 0  |
| Miss Susan Alice Barns, Fleetwood.....                    | 200  | 0  | 0  |
| Rev. Richard Hathornthwaite, Bowdon.                      | 100  | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. John Maude, Greetland, Halifax ...                    | 100  | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. John Billington Booth, Preston.....                   | 90   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. Richard Shaw, Rivington, Bolton<br>(additional) ..... | 75   | 0  | 0  |



Endowment of  
Beds at the  
Storey Home.

With his accustomed liberality, Mr. Herbert L. Storey added £150 to his father's legacy of £900, so as to secure the endowment of two additional beds at the Storey Home; and Mrs. Maxsted and Miss Gladys Maxsted contributed £25 to increase the late Mr. Maxsted's legacy to £525, for the endowment of a bed at the Storey Home. There are now six beds endowed at the Home, and the Committee would be glad to see the number increased. There can be no more worthy object for the generosity of the wealthy friends of the Institution, except, perhaps, the erection of a similar Home for well-trained, but friendless, feeble-minded boys.

Other legacies have been notified but have not yet been paid.

Contributions  
from the  
Seven Counties.

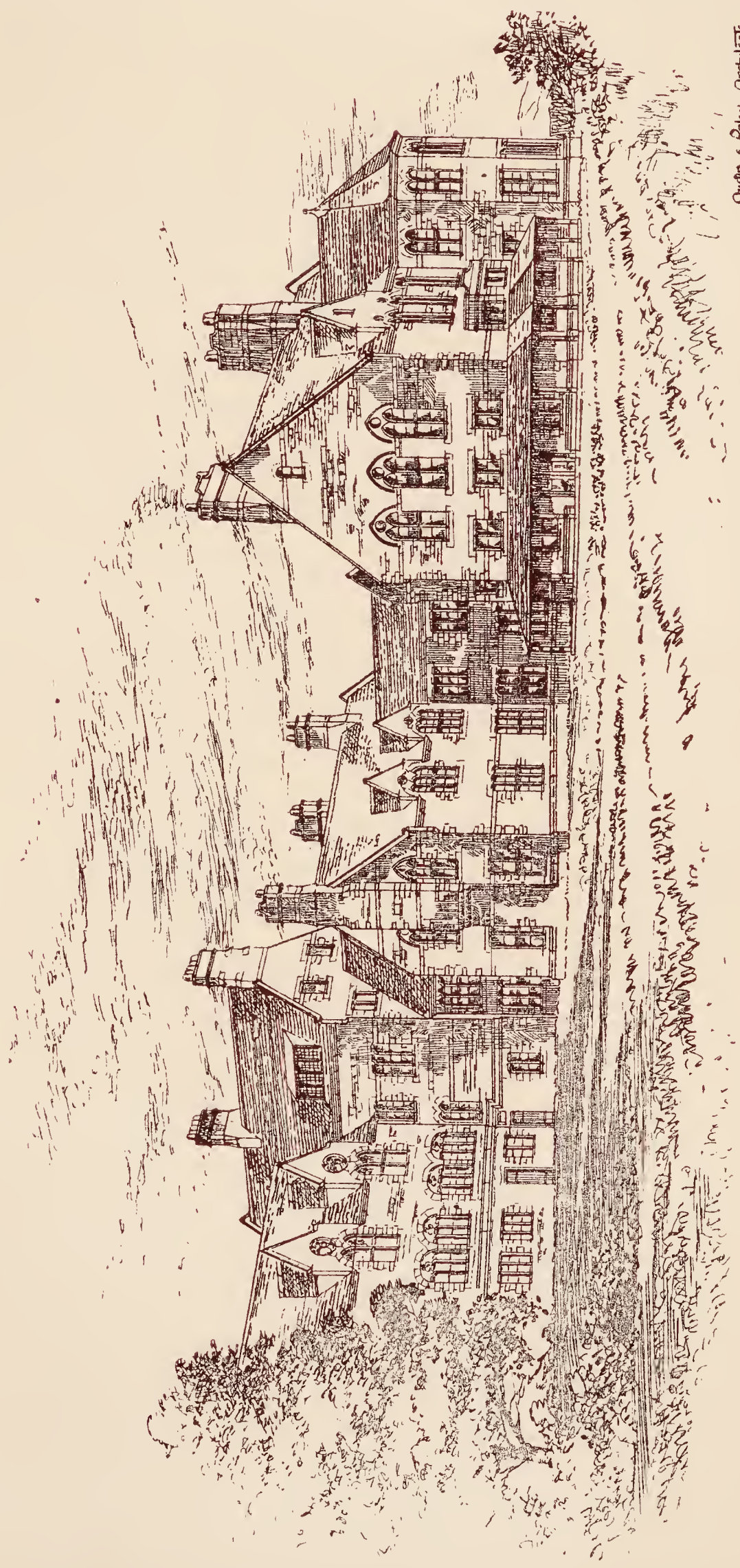
The following table gives the amounts contributed in the year by each of the Seven Associated Counties to the Maintenance, Sustentation, and Extension (Ashton Wing) Accounts :—

| COUNTIES.        | MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.  |            | SUSTENTATION FUND ACCOUNT. |            | EXTENSION (Ashton Wing) ACCOUNT. |  | TOTAL.      |  |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------|--|
|                  | Annual Subscriptions. | Donations. | Legacies.                  | Donations. | Donations.                       |  |             |  |
|                  | £ s. d.               | £ s. d.    | £ s. d.                    | £          | £ s. d.                          |  | £ s. d.     |  |
| LANCASHIRE ..... | 1516 9 0              | 229 3 5    | 2876 2 6                   | 280        | 10264 3 0                        |  | 15165 17 11 |  |
| YORKSHIRE .....  | 1295 11 3             | 124 2 5    | 2100 0 0                   | .....      | 663 2 6                          |  | 4182 16 2   |  |
| CHESHIRE .....   | 484 7 9               | 19 5 4     | .....                      | .....      | 5 0 0                            |  | 508 13 1    |  |
| WESTMORLAND..... | 223 4 6               | 4 2 6      | .....                      | .....      | 5 0 0                            |  | 232 7 0     |  |
| CUMBERLAND ..... | 325 6 6               | 10 17 3    | .....                      | .....      | 10 10 0                          |  | 346 13 9    |  |
| DURHAM .....     | 400 1 2               | 10 10 6    | .....                      | .....      | 11 1 2                           |  | 421 12 10   |  |
| NORTHUMBERLAND   | 48 2 0                | 1 1 0      | .....                      | .....      | 1 1 0                            |  | 50 4 0      |  |
|                  | 4293 2 2              | 399 2 5    | 4976 2 6                   | 280        | 10959 17 8                       |  | 20908 4 9   |  |

Ladies'  
Associations.

The Ladies' Associations have continued to carry on their valuable work with commendable zeal, and their patient, energetic, and disinterested labours have again resulted in the addition of a large sum to the Maintenance Fund. The importance of this co-operation is evident from the fact that without it the number of patients benefiting from the training afforded by the Institution during the year would have been 90 fewer than it has been. This practical manifestation of loving sympathy to poor children whose darkened minds are incapable of expressing their grateful obligations, is one of the finest proofs of the gracious, self-denying influences of Christianity. This year, these Associations have raised,





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chiefly in small donations and annual subscriptions, no less a sum than £2,962 16s. 8d.; and, altogether, since the formation of the first Association, they have collected £48,531 7s. 4d. It is an immense debt of gratitude which the Institution owes to the ladies who have, year after year, perseveringly toiled in its behalf. As the benevolent operations of the Central Committee extend additional help will be needed, and any offer of assistance will be thankfully accepted.

Visits of members of these Associations to the Institution are much encouraged, and they always help to stimulate an interest in the good work which they do so much to promote. On the 19th of last October a party of 45 ladies, accompanied by six gentlemen, came over from Manchester, under the leadership of Mrs. Maclure, of the Deanery, Honorary Secretary of the Manchester and Salford District Ladies' Association. They spent five hours in the inspection of the various departments, and at the close attended one of the ordinary entertainments in the Winmarleigh Hall, where they witnessed a fair illustration of the efforts made to amuse the patients. Mrs. Maclure and others expressed themselves as highly gratified by their visit.

Visit of  
Manchester  
Ladies.

In the last Report reference was made to a visit which twenty-three Huddersfield ladies had paid to the Institution. They were accompanied by Mr. Wm. Brooke, Chairman, and by the Rev. Dr. Bruce, Hon. Secretary of the Huddersfield Local Committee. With a fuller appreciation of the beneficent work which the Institution is doing for the mentally-deficient children of the Northern Counties, they returned home resolved to promote additional contributions to its funds. Under the auspices of Mr. Brooke and Dr. Bruce, a meeting of ladies was held at the Town Hall in November, when a Huddersfield and District Ladies' Association was formed. Mr. Diggins, the Principal and Secretary, attended, and explained the objects and organisation of such Associations. The President of the new Association is Mrs. Wm. Wrigley; the Treasurer, Miss Irving; and the Hon. Secretary, Miss Watkinson. In its first year the sum of £115 10s. 11d. has been collected. The Central Committee tender their hearty thanks to Mr. Brooke and Dr. Bruce for their valuable assistance in the formation of this Association.

Formation of a  
Huddersfield  
Ladies'  
Association.



Amounts  
collected by  
Ladies'  
Associations.

The amounts collected by the Ladies' Associations for the year 1900 have been as follows:—

|                       |                   |     |     |     |     | Annual Subscriptions. |    |    | Donations. |     |     | Total. |    |    |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|----|----|------------|-----|-----|--------|----|----|
| MANCHESTER DISTRICT:— |                   |     |     |     |     | £                     | s. | d. | £          | s.  | d.  | £      | s. | d. |
| Manchester            | ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 278                   | 13 | 4  | 40         | 18  | 11  | 319    | 12 | 3  |
| „                     | (Rochdale Branch) |     |     |     |     | 72                    | 9  | 0  | 9          | 6   | 6   | 81     | 15 | 6  |
| „                     | (Bury Branch)     |     |     |     |     | 41                    | 13 | 6  | 2          | 13  | 0   | 44     | 6  | 6  |
| „                     | (Oldham Branch)   |     |     |     |     | 19                    | 7  | 6  | ...        | ... | ... | 19     | 7  | 6  |
| „                     | (Burnley Branch)  |     |     |     |     | 21                    | 16 | 6  | 37         | 3   | 6   | 59     | 0  | 0  |
| „                     | (Ashton Branch)   |     |     |     |     | 3                     | 13 | 6  | ...        | ... | ... | 3      | 13 | 6  |
|                       |                   |     |     |     |     | 437                   | 13 | 4  | 90         | 1   | 11  | 527    | 15 | 3  |
| CHESHIRE              | ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 399                   | 19 | 3  | 24         | 0   | 4   | 423    | 19 | 7  |
| DURHAM                | ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 379                   | 10 | 8  | ...        | ... | ... | 379    | 10 | 8  |
| HALIFAX               | ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 353                   | 16 | 10 | 6          | 15  | 8   | 360    | 12 | 6  |
| BRADFORD              | ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 215                   | 14 | 8  | 105        | 10  | 0   | 321    | 4  | 8  |
| CUMBERLAND            | ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 255                   | 17 | 6  | 10         | 17  | 3   | 266    | 14 | 9  |
| LIVERPOOL             | ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 135                   | 2  | 0  | 66         | 9   | 10  | 201    | 11 | 10 |
| WESTMORLAND           | ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 185                   | 13 | 6  | 3          | 2   | 6   | 188    | 16 | 0  |
| HUDDERSFIELD          | ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 68                    | 9  | 3  | 47         | 1   | 8   | 115    | 10 | 11 |
| LEEDS                 | ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 79                    | 0  | 6  | 2          | 5   | 6   | 81     | 6  | 0  |
| YORK...               | ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 66                    | 4  | 6  | 0          | 17  | 6   | 67     | 2  | 0  |
| SOUTHPORT             | ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22                    | 7  | 6  | ...        | ... | ... | 22     | 7  | 6  |
| OTHER PLACES          | ...               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1                     | 0  | 0  | 5          | 5   | 0   | 6      | 5  | 0  |
|                       |                   |     |     |     |     | £2600                 | 9  | 6  | 362        | 7   | 2   | 2962   | 16 | 8  |

Special  
Donations to the  
Extension  
Fund.

Subjoined is a list of the Special Donations to the Extension (Ashton Wing) Fund received during the financial year, but it does not include a donation of £250 from Mr. Joseph Craven, of Ashfield, Thornton, Bradford, and one of £100 from Miss Dorothy Lees, of Werneth Park, Oldham, both of which contributions were announced in the last Report.

|                                                                | £      | s. | d. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| The Right Hon. Lord Ashton, Ryelands, Lancaster                | 10,000 | 0  | 0  |
| Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Askham Grange, York .....                | 132    | 10 | 0  |
| Mrs. Alfred Illingworth, Daisy Bank, Bradford .....            | 100    | 0  | 0  |
| Major F. E. Foster, Prospect House, Queensbury, Bradford ..... | 52     | 10 | 0  |
| Colonel Foster, M.P., Hornby Castle, Lancaster ...             | 50     | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. W. G. Welch, Hampson, near Lancaster.....                  | 26     | 5  | 0  |
| Mr. H. A. Foster, Queensbury, Bradford.....                    | 25     | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. R. J. Foster, Harrowins, Queensbury, Bradford              | 25     | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. R. Benson Jowitt, Harehills, Leeds .....                   | 20     | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. Edward Ecroyd, Armathwaite, Cumberland.....                | 10     | 10 | 0  |
| Alderman T. W. Harding, Lord Mayor of Leeds.....               | 10     | 10 | 0  |
| Mrs. Hugh Perkins, Fulwood Park, Liverpool .....               | 10     | 10 | 0  |
| Mr. T. W. Backhouse, West Hendon House, Sunderland .....       | 10     | 1  | 2  |

|                                                                                            | £  | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Miss Woods, 10, Parliament Street, Lancaster<br>(additional) .....                         | 10 | 0  | 0  |
| Miss Ann Appleyard, Mytholmroyd .....                                                      | 5  | 5  | 0  |
| Mr. Benjn. S. Brigg, Burlington House, Keighley ...                                        | 5  | 5  | 0  |
| Mrs. L. J. Crossley, 15, Lancaster Gate, London, W.<br>(additional) .....                  | 5  | 5  | 0  |
| Miss Foster, Settle (additional) .....                                                     | 5  | 5  | 0  |
| Mr. John Lomax, Hulme Corn Mills, Manchester ...                                           | 5  | 5  | 0  |
| Mr. A. W. Lupton, The Manor House, Bramley,<br>Leeds, "In Memory of Constance Lupton." ... | 5  | 5  | 0  |
| Colonel Marton, Capernwray, Carnforth .....                                                | 5  | 5  | 0  |
| Mr. Jacob Moser, Bradford .....                                                            | 5  | 5  | 0  |
| Mrs. Moser, Bradford .....                                                                 | 5  | 5  | 0  |
| Mr. Charles Scarth, Scarthingwell House, Morley,<br>Leeds.....                             | 5  | 5  | 0  |
| Dr. W. W. Wingate-Saul, Fenton-Cawthorne House,<br>Lancaster .....                         | 5  | 5  | 0  |
| Miss Crewdson, Highfield, Windermere .....                                                 | 5  | 0  | 0  |
| Mrs. E. Smith, Crogga, Davenport Park, Stockport                                           | 5  | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. Thomas Walker, (the late), Thurnham Street,<br>Lancaster .....                         | 5  | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. James E. Goodwin 75, Cheapside, Liverpool ...                                          | 2  | 2  | 0  |
| Rev. J. B. Mitchell, Scotton, Knaresborough .....                                          | 2  | 2  | 0  |
| "Anonymous," Leeds, (additional) .....                                                     | 2  | 0  | 0  |
| Sums under £2. ....                                                                        | 3  | 11 | 6  |

It is estimated that about £2,000 will be required for furniture, fittings, electric-lighting, &c.

Again attention is called to the importance of collections and offertories in aid of the Asylum. Besides the pecuniary assistance which might be thus afforded, much benefit would arise from the publicity given to the truly Christian objects of the Institution. That the advantages of the care and training received by the patients are well known to the clergy is evident from the number of candidates whom they introduce, and whose election they seek to promote; and yet very seldom is there any favourable response to applications for pulpit and congregational assistance. Almost the only Clergymen and Ministers who regularly evince such active interest in the Asylum are the following:

Offertories.

- Rev. A. J. W. Crosse (Chaplain to the High Sheriff of Lancashire), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster, on Assize Sunday; the Rev. Canon Bonsey, Vicar.
- Rev. W. H. Fothergill, Providence Congregational Church, Middleton.
- Rev. Lionel Garnett, Christleton Church, Chester.
- Rev. E. Greatorex (the late), Croxdale Church, Durham.
- Rev. T. H. Irving, St. Paul's Church, Lindale-in-Cartmel.
- Rev. J. T. Lawton, St. Thomas's Church, Bedford Leigh.
- Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's Church, Keswick.
- Rev. W. Sleight, St. John's Church, Silverdale.
- Rev. Thomas Windsor, Congregational Church, Skipton.

Sundry  
Contributions.

Among noteworthy Contributions the following should be specially mentioned :

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | £   | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| Mrs. W. E. B. Priestley, Treasurer of the Bradford Ladies' Association personally collected nearly £186, of which £100 was a donation to the Extension Fund, from Mrs. Alfred Illingworth, of Daisy Bank, Bradford | 185 | 19 | 0  |
| Miss Rayner, the indefatigable Lady Collector at Brighouse, obtained this year                                                                                                                                     | 81  | 15 | 0  |
| Proceeds of Drawing Room Meeting at the residence of Sir Edward Lawrence, The Grange, St. Michael's Hamlet, Liverpool, per Miss Molesworth, Hon. Sec., Liverpool Ladies' Association                               | 12  | 16 | 6  |
| Proceeds of a Children's Bazaar at Stretford, Manchester, per Miss Elsa Rocca                                                                                                                                      | 7   | 10 | 6  |
| Half proceeds of a small Sale of Work at Castle Eden, per Mrs. F. G. J. Robinson                                                                                                                                   | 4   | 0  | 0  |
| A Donation from "A Friend," Liverpool                                                                                                                                                                              | 21  | 2  | 6  |
| A Donation from the late Mr. George Barrow, of Birmingham and Torquay, per Mr. Thomas Barrow, Lancaster                                                                                                            | 50  | 0  | 0  |
| A Donation from the Executors of the late Mr. David Peacock, per the Rev. W. Peacock, St. Luke's Vicarage, Darlington                                                                                              | 10  | 0  | 0  |
| A Donation from the Members of the Salendine Nook Baptist Church, per the Rev. D. Witton-Jenkins                                                                                                                   | 3   | 3  | 0  |
| A Donation from the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, Salendine Nook Baptist Church                                                                                                                   | 3   | 3  | 0  |
| A Donation from Miss Kidd and Nursing Staff, Shaftesbury House, Stockton-on-Tees                                                                                                                                   | 1   | 6  | 9  |
| A Donation for the Staff Library from Mrs. Blades, Lancaster, £1 1s. ; also a donation of 10s. 6d. for the same object from Mrs. Diggins                                                                           | 1   | 11 | 6  |
| Messrs. Dicksons, Limited, Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester, 5,400 Bulbs.                                                                                                                             |     |    |    |
| Mr. W. K. Powell, Preston, 150 Fancy Boxes of Biscuits for Christmas.                                                                                                                                              |     |    |    |
| Mr. R. Ackrill, Montpelier Works, Harrogate, Ornamental Type for Printing.                                                                                                                                         |     |    |    |
| Mr. J. M. Wigley, Lancaster, Fancy Type for Printing.                                                                                                                                                              |     |    |    |
| Messrs. Kelly and Co., Limited, "Kelly's Handbook to the Titled and Official Classes."                                                                                                                             |     |    |    |
| Dr. Paget-Tomlinson, Kirkby Lonsdale, 30 Rabbits.                                                                                                                                                                  |     |    |    |



An additional donation of £21 from the Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society, Limited; an additional donation of £5 5s. from the Heywood Industrial Society.

The following annual subscriptions have been continued:—Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society, £21; Newbold Friendly Society, Rochdale, £15 15s.; Oldham Equitable Co-operative Society, £5 5s.; Brighthouse Industrial Society, £5 5s.; The Dewsbury Pioneers' Industrial Society, Limited, £5 5s.; The Great and Little Bolton Co-operative Society, £5 5s.; Hebden Bridge Industrial Co-operative Society, £3 3s.; Hebden Bridge Fustian Co-operative Society, £3 3s.; Doncaster Mutual Co-operative Industrial Society, £2 2s.; Eccles Provident Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited, £2 2s.; Sowerby Bridge Industrial Society, £2 2s.; Sowerby Bridge Flour Society, £2 2s.; Halifax Flour Society, £2 2s.; Farnworth District Council, £1 1s.; Luddenden Industrial Society, £1 1s.

The friends of election patients have contributed towards maintenance this year the sum of £871 16s. 7d., of which amount, £357 os. 6d., was received from Lancashire, and £324 14s. 1d. from Yorkshire. In cases of sickness, loss of employment, &c., these contributions are often remitted or suspended.

Contributions  
towards  
Maintenance of  
Election  
Patients.

The Farm has been placed under the management of Mr. Wm. Orr, of Hornby, who is an experienced agriculturist. As Farm Bailiff, Mr. Orr has not had the opportunity of showing what he can accomplish, but already the farm is in a tidier state, the fields have been better cultivated, and the live stock has received more judicious attention. The supplies of milk, meat, and certain vegetables are drawn from the Farm, and during the year they have been of the value of £3,232 6s. 5d., reckoned at fair market prices. They have been 40 553 lbs. of beef, 12,013 lbs. of mutton, 410 lbs. of lamb, 9,863 lbs. of pork, 1,424 lbs. of veal, 163 fowls, 15,825 eggs, 37,007½ gallons of milk, 10,594 stones of potatoes, 32 stones of carrots, 240 stones of fruit. On the 30th of June the farm live stock consisted of 74 cows, (including 42 cows giving milk), 8 calves, 1 bull, 33 sheep, 59 lambs, 82 pigs, 5 horses, 2 ponies, 295 fowls. The autumn is considered a more suitable time for the annual valuation, which has, therefore, been fixed this year for October instead of July.

Farm.

The average weekly cost of maintenance per head—including staff, all office and administration expenses, as well as building sundries, workshops, repairs, and furniture—has been 12s. 1d., and omitting the last four items 11s. 8d. The amounts last year were 12s. 9½d. and 12s. 1½d. respectively. The large and varied staff, the extensive organisa-

Average  
Weekly Cost of  
Maintenance.

tion, and the unavoidable expense in the collection of the funds, render the cost of maintenance comparatively heavy ; but, consistently with the efficiency of all the departments of the Institution, every possible effort is made to check and reduce the expenditure.

Audit.

Mr. W. G. Welch has again professionally audited the books of account, vouchers, and balance sheets. In the examination of the balance sheets and in the inspection of the deeds and certificates representing the Sustentation Fund, he has had the valuable assistance of the Honorary Auditor, Mr. A. Greg, Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Committee have pleasure in referring to Mr. Welch's report, which is most satisfactory. This is his twenty-sixth annual audit of the accounts of the Asylum, and the Committee regret that, because of his retirement from business, they cannot any longer have the great advantage of his professional services ; but they are glad to announce that he has consented to be nominated a member of the Central Committee, in succession to the late Mr. T. G. Edmondson. It is felt that with his ample leisure, his warm interest in the welfare of the Institution, and his intimate acquaintance with its financial affairs, he is likely to be a most useful member of the Committee. His brother, Mr. A. B. S. Welch, who has long been professionally associated with him, is willing to undertake the duties of Auditor, and is strongly recommended for appointment.

New Cottages  
and Lodge.

The eight new Cottages (Hibbert Terrace) and the South Lodge, erected on the Asylum Estate, have been completed during the year, and are now all occupied by married attendants and others in the service of the Institution. Even the 26 cottages on the estate are not sufficient to meet the requirements of the staff, who appreciate moderate rents and proximity to their work. It is convenient to have men at hand whose services can be commanded in the event of fire or other great emergency. There are also certain important sanitary advantages.

New Drainage  
System,  
Laundry, &c.

The new drainage system, the contract for which amounted to £1,007 4s. 2d.,—besides £175 for plumbing and other necessary work—is being carried out under the supervision of the Architects, Messrs. Austin and Paley. Much of the



machinery in the laundry, which has been in use between twenty and thirty years, requires renewal, but if a break-down can be avoided, it will be better to postpone this expense until the question of erecting a new laundry has been considered and dealt with. The kitchen fittings are also rather antiquated. Comparison with other similar institutions will indicate in what directions other improvements might be advantageously made.

Among the Presidents of the Royal Albert Asylum few have taken a more cordial interest in its progress than the late Duke of Westminster, K.G. His Grace generally presided when any important meeting was held at Chester in aid of the Institution, and on such occasions generously contributed to its funds. As Chairman of the Cheshire Committee, he presided at the meeting for the formation of the Cheshire Ladies' Association, and he gave to the movement his warm and influential support, the Duchess of Westminster becoming President of the Association. The Cheshire Committee have been fortunate in securing as a successor Earl Egerton of Tatton, Lord Lieutenant of the County, who is a President and a very warm friend of the Royal Albert Asylum.

Deaths.

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The Duke of Westminster.

There have also been several deaths among members of the Central Committee. The Rev. Charles Twemlow Royds, M.A., had been on the Committee for the long period of thirty years. He filled many public offices in Lancashire, both as an alderman of the County Council and as a magistrate. He was Chairman of the Lancashire Asylums Board, and also of the Lancaster Board of Guardians. Invited by Dr. de Vitré to join the Central Committee, he at once devoted himself to its business, and continued to attend its meetings most regularly, having presided at the last meeting before his sudden and untimely death. Since 1888 he had been a Vice-Chairman of the House Committee with the late Sir Thomas Storey, and, on the death of the latter, he continued to hold the office with Mr. Edward Storey. Mr. Royds's earnestness, courtesy, impartiality, and promptitude in the performance of his voluntary duties were truly admirable characteristics and worthy of the highest commendation. Mr. Albert Greg, who is Chairman of the Finance Committee, kindly under-

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The Rev. C. T. Royds.



Mr. T. G.  
Edmondson,

Mr. Charles  
Brown.

Mr. John  
Walker.

Thanks to  
Honorary  
Officers.

Newspaper  
support.

took, at the request of the Committee, the additional duties of a Vice-Chairman of the House Committee, in succession to Mr. Royds. The death of Mr. Thomas G. Edmondson, who had been a member of the Central Committee for about five years, must also be recorded. Mr. Edmondson was a useful colleague, especially on the Farm Committee. Another excellent member of the Central Committee has also passed away during the year—Mr. Ald. Charles Brown, of Chester. Mr. Brown was not a frequent visitor at the Asylum, but he often attended general meetings at a distance, and rendered invaluable service to the Institution in the City of Chester, where he was highly esteemed. It was mainly through his exertions and influence that the very successful Cheshire Ladies' Association was formed. His place on the Central Committee has been filled by the appointment of Mr. J. G. Holmes, and Mr. Isaac H. Storey has been elected an additional Cheshire representative on the Central Committee. The vacancy among the Lancaster members of the Central Committee, caused by the death of the Rev. C. T. Royds, has been supplied by the election of Mr. Norval W. Helme, who takes an active interest in County Council, Municipal, and other public business. Mr. John Walker, of Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, a Yorkshire representative on the Central Committee, has recently died, and his genial presence will be much missed at the meetings of the Yorkshire Committee.

To the Honorary Officers of the Institution the Committee tender their cordial thanks, and they sincerely wish their excellent Honorary Solicitor, Mr. Thomas Gibson, a speedy restoration to health. In his absence from England, any pressing legal business has been most kindly and satisfactorily attended to by his son, Mr. Charles Gibson, of the same firm of Messrs. Maxsted, Gibson and Son. To the officials of the Local Committees the Committee renew their best thanks.

Grateful acknowledgment has often been made of the powerful support given to the Institution by the newspaper press throughout the North of England. It is no exaggeration to say that without such sympathetic assistance, and the wide publicity given to its claims, the Royal Albert Asylum could hardly have attained its present position.

The Institutions for Imbeciles are greatly indebted to Mr. W. E. M. Tomlinson, Mr. J. Round, Colonel Foster, Sir J. W. Maclure, Bart., Sir F. T. Mappin, Bart., Mr. R. A. Allison, and other influential Members of Parliament, for persevering efforts to promote legislation in their behalf, and the advantage of having such support cannot be too gratefully appreciated.

Assistance by  
Members of  
Parliament.

Certain days in the week are set apart for visitors. On Mondays and Thursdays the Asylum is open to general visitors, and the friends of patients are allowed to visit them on Mondays and Wednesdays. There have been many gratifying entries in the Visitors' Book, but none has evinced a more tender sympathy with the work than the following, which was recorded on the 1st of March, 1900, after a thorough inspection, by Mr. Frank T. Bullen, F.R.G.S., of London, author of "The Cruise of the Cachalot," "The Log of a Sea Waif," "Idylls of the Sea," &c. :—

Inspection  
of the Asylum.

Extracts from  
the  
Visitors' Book.

"So solemnly have I been impressed with this visit to a veritable House of Christ that I find the utmost difficulty in setting down here any definite account of those impressions. The heroic patience, manifested by its definite fruitage on every side, the truly sacred character of the work performed, the magnificent administration also manifested by the perfect order, regularity and peace all around; these things strike my heart and dim my eyes so that I am almost, I feel, like the prophet of old, but for a different reason—'I laid my hand upon my mouth and kept silence, because Thou didst it.' Here is worked the work of the Master, the liberation of the captive mind, the healing of the bruised, stunted brain, and the giving of sight to the blind heart.

Entry by  
Mr. Frank T.  
Bullen.

"To say 'God bless this place' would be impertinence; it is itself a manifestation of God's blessing."

FRANK THOMAS BULLEN,  
London.

A Deputation from the West Riding County Council visited the Asylum, and, having carefully inspected it, made the following entry :—

Deputations.

"We are very much delighted with our visit to this Institution, and also with the kind manner in which we have been received and shown round by the Principal. We found everything very neat, cheerful, and comfortable, and we are especially pleased with the results evident from the special training of the children."

Periodical visits are received from Boards of Guardians having patients in the Institution, and the following are some of the entries made in the Visitors' Book during the year :—



Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE BARTON UNION:—

“ The undersigned Guardians of the Barton Union having visited this Institution this day have pleasure in stating they find it in the same excellent condition, and the boys and girls apparently well cared for in every way.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE LEEDS UNION:—

“ The Guardians are highly pleased with the evident care bestowed on the inmates of this excellent Institution. The children chargeable to the Leeds Union appear to be in good physical health, and shew signs of mental improvement.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE ROTHERHAM UNION:—

“ We, the Guardians of the Rotherham Union, having seen the ten patients belonging to our Union, desire to express our entire satisfaction with the management of the Institution, and to record our appreciation of the kindness and courtesy which we have experienced from the Principal and the Medical Officer.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE WEST DERBY UNION:—

“ The Deputation from the West Derby Union have this day visited the patients chargeable to their Union, and are pleased to say that they found everything satisfactory.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE HUNSLET UNION:—

“ Visited Institution to-day, and were very pleased with all we saw.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE STOCKPORT UNION:—

“ Very pleased with the condition of the children from our Union, and feel under an obligation to the officials for the care and attention given to them.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE SALFORD UNION:—

“ We have this day visited the patients chargeable to our Union, and are pleased to see how comfortable and well cared for they look.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE PRESCOT UNION:—

“ Having seen the five patients chargeable to the Prescott Union, we have pleasure in expressing our appreciation of their general appearance, and endorsing the opinions formed of the Institution by previous Deputations.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE BOLTON UNION:—

“ Saw the patients from the Bolton Union, and were much gratified by their appearance and improvement.”

Testimony of  
Friends of  
Patients.

It is customary for those patients who have been in the Institution for a period of two years, and who are able to travel, to be allowed to go home for a month's holiday in August, and a selection is here given from a large number of satisfactory reports brought back with the patients this year. 149 patients went home, and of the 137 written reports received, 121 referred to the positive improvement noticed, whilst only 6 stated that no improvement was apparent. The testimony, being that of relatives who can fully estimate the improvement observed, is very gratifying.



(B. 1996). "I have much pleasure in being able to state that I notice a decided improvement in G. His health seems good. . . . His habits leave little to be desired. His mental condition appears to be considerably improved. Formerly he hardly seemed to have the power of thinking, but now, when asked a question, he evidently *thinks* before answering, and his memory is more retentive."

(W. 1402). "I am very pleased to find F. greatly improved in memory and health. He has grown quite tall, and I find he can read very well. He appears to like the Asylum very much. I shall be very grateful if he can be taught some trade."

(W. 1899). "During the past month I have made a careful observation of my son G., and am greatly pleased at the great improvement in him. He seems greatly improved physically as well as mentally, and appears to be making good progress in his education. Thanking you for the care and trouble bestowed on him."

(G. 2076). "I am pleased to find my son G. W. G. greatly improved in education, and sincerely hope he will continue."

(B. 1898). "I am very pleased indeed to find my son E. so much improved; he is brighter and quicker in every respect, and understands perfectly well what is said to him; and we are very glad to find he makes attempts to speak, and indeed articulates some words very clearly. To all concerned in his tuition at your Institution I hereby express my deep gratitude, and trust he will continue to improve."

(K. 2068). "I consider there is a marked improvement in the health and habits of my son B. considering the time he has been in the Institution; also that he has improved in both reading and writing."

(C. 1962). "I think my son has improved wonderfully, and I am very well pleased with him; he can also talk better and is more intelligent; he has improved since he was at home before."

(P. 1893). "F. P. I am very pleased to say has greatly improved physically and mentally since he was last at home. Most noticeable is his sense of discipline and obedience, the latter characteristic having been shown on many occasions since he has been at home."

(E. 1881). "Has greatly improved in house-work, is more clean in habits, and has also improved in her understanding; very clean and orderly in eating, and is very good at table anywhere, and likes her place. If she should still continue to make the same progress in the course of the next two years as she has done, we shall be well satisfied with her."

(F. 1723). "In health I find she is much better, and in habits she is greatly improved. She is not like the same girl that I brought back two years since."

(R. 1887). "I think L. R. improved in most things, especially in writing, and has not been so excitable."

(P. 1774). "I am pleased to say that L. P. has enjoyed her holiday, and has been a very good and obedient girl. She is always ready to go back when her time is over. It is evident she is happy at the Asylum. She seems a deal better in domestic work, and has been a help while at home. Thanking you all for your care and kindness to her."

(T. 2026). "I have the greatest pleasure in noting an all-round improvement in the condition of my daughter A., both physically and mentally. Two years ago we had the greatest difficulty to induce her to walk 50 yards, whereas during the present holidays she walked at least four miles without complaint. She has improved in her manners at table, and we are now able to concentrate her attention, and when spoken to she shows greater obedience, and understands what is said to her. Her speech

is better, and she makes the greatest efforts to make us understand, and has calmed down from the frequent fits of passionate temper she had, and is altogether more tractable; in fact, only those who knew what a trouble she was to us notice and appreciate the valuable training she is receiving at your Institution, and what a blessing we, her parents, find in its success cannot be expressed in words."

(R. 1534). "I am again thankful to find my daughter E. R. looking so well and happy. She appears to be improving in every respect—health, habits, and mental condition generally. She has been much quieter whilst at home this year than in any previous year. Her behaviour in general makes us all feel very thankful for such a noble Institution for the care, training, and protection of her and others. We wish many thanks to all the Staff."

Alteration of the  
Descriptive  
Name of the  
Institution.

At a joint meeting of the Bradford Local Committee and the Committee of the Bradford Ladies' Association, held on the 14th of May, Colonel Foster, M.P., Chairman of the Local Committee, presiding, a resolution was unanimously passed urging upon the Central Committee the advisability of some alteration in, or addition to, the title-name of the Royal Albert Asylum, "in order to remove many wrong impressions with regard to the objects of the Institution." The resolution having been forwarded to the Central Committee, the question has been considered, and they are of opinion that the title "The Royal Albert Asylum," given to the Institution by Her Majesty the Queen, in December, 1866, must, under all circumstances, be retained, but that the explanatory sub-title, "A Training Institution for the Feeble-minded of the Northern Counties," should be adopted. The retention of the designation, "The Royal Albert Asylum," Lancaster, would obviate any chance of litigation from insufficient description in respect of legacies. The term "idiot" and "imbecile" are harsh and objectionable to many in these sympathetic days, though they were hardly so regarded at the time the Royal Albert Asylum was projected. To the relatives of many of our patients they are particularly offensive; but the milder term "feeble-minded," adopted by the American Institutions for the class of the mentally-deficient which the Royal Albert Asylum and kindred Institutions seek to benefit is not legally recognised in this country. The term "defective" has been legalised in the Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Act, 1899. As the late Dr. Langdon Down pointed out in his work on "Mental



Affections of Childhood and Youth," "the gradations of mental incapacity are as numerous and delicate as are those of mental capacity among those who are doing the world's work." He was strongly in favour of the term "idiot" being replaced by that of "feeble-minded," the term "imbecile" being applied to cases of dementia. The Committee consider that the term "feeble-minded" should be used, whenever possible, to describe candidates for admission into the Royal Albert Asylum, and always with regard to "higher-grade imbeciles," who, probably, belong to a class whose welfare the new associations and societies are endeavouring to promote. The excellent work of the older Institutions, which have accomplished so much for the care, comfort, and training of mentally-deficient children, ought not to be ignored or disparaged.

In concluding this Report, the Central Committee think that, with those of the Principal and the Resident Medical Officer, ample evidence is furnished of the continued success of the Royal Albert Asylum, both with respect to the financial and other material progress, and as to the care, education, and training of the unfortunate children upon whose mental faculties there rests a dark cloud, which the Institution seeks to lighten in a spirit of earnest, loving sympathy, and with the best scientific methods. The prosperity is beyond all expectation, and to the Divine favour it must be ascribed.

Conclusion.

JOHN T. HIBBERT,

CHAIRMAN.



# REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

*To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.*

GENTLEMEN,

As Principal of the Royal Albert Asylum, I have the honour to submit my Annual Report of the work of the Institution for the past year.

Table of  
Admissions,  
Discharges,  
and Deaths.

The following table gives the Admissions, Discharges and Deaths during the year ending June 30th, 1900 :—

|                                                       | Males. Females. Total. |     |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-----|
| In the Asylum, July 1st, 1899...                      | ...                    | ... | ... |
| Admissions during the year                            | ...                    | ... | ... |
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| Total number under care during the year               | ...                    | ... | ... |
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|                                                       | M. F. Total.           |     |     |
| Discharges ...                                        | ...                    | ... | ... |
| Deaths ...                                            | ...                    | ... | ... |
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| Total number of discharges and deaths during the year | ...                    | ... | ... |
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| In the Asylum, July 1st, 1900                         | ...                    | ... | ... |

The average number resident during the year has been 594 (401 males and 193 females), as compared with 576 (387 males and 189 females) last year. Of the 74 patients admitted, 39 were elected by the Subscribers; 19 were paid for by their respective Unions; 12 were ordinary reduced-payment cases; and 4 were full-payment cases.

The Admissions were not below the average in physical condition and intelligence. Subscribers should bear in mind that this is not a mere Asylum, in the sense of being a refuge and home for hopeless cases, but a Training Institution which aims to develop the dormant physical and mental powers of the inmates ; to improve their habits ; to cultivate their moral and religious feelings ; and to train them in some useful industrial occupation, so that when they leave the Institution they may be less burdensome to their friends and, if possible, contribute something towards their own maintenance. These are the objects which we set before us and which we sedulously endeavour to attain, but we must have improvable cases to begin with. No doubt it is a great boon to a family to be relieved for seven years of the anxious care of a low-grade idiot child, but, at the end of the election term, the resumption of the burden is much dreaded, and urgent appeals are made for an extension of the period of residence. As I have often urged, public provision ought to be made for such cases, and then the Royal Albert Asylum could pursue its own proper work as a training institution for educable imbeciles. If some lower-grade idiots must be received, it is most desirable that separate accommodation should be provided for them, as they must have a deteriorating influence upon the patients more susceptible of improvement. The Committee can exercise more control over the admission of paying cases, so as to receive only such as are likely to derive considerable benefit from the training afforded by the Institution. Numerous applications are made for the admission of hopeless pauper idiots who ought to be otherwise provided for, and I am glad that the Committee are more than ever disposed to reject such applications. We have still a few vacancies for higher-rate private cases, both at the Asylum and Brunton House, and I venture to think that the facilities for amusement, training and occupation in a large public institution are much superior to those which can be supplied in small private establishments.

Admissions.

The health of the patients has been remarkably good during the year, which, in addition to the watchful care of the able and active Resident Medical Officer, Dr. Douglas, and his kind, agreeable, and competent Assistant, Dr. Coupland, is, I believe, attributable to much daily exercise in the open air. Those patients who are engaged in sedentary occupations in the Institution are particularly encouraged to be out of doors as much as possible. It must be remembered that many of these young people have phthisical tendencies which need to be counteracted, and, if possible, eradicated.

Health of the Patients.

Letter  
of  
Thanks.

These, with other predisposing tendencies to disease, require the most careful hygienic treatment, and it is necessary that the physician's eye should be quick to detect the earliest symptoms of declining health, and that the best remedies should be promptly applied to arrest it. The weak constitutions of the patients have to be protected against overwork, whether physical or mental. There have been several cases of promising patients who, after making great progress in the schools or workshops, have failed in health and greatly disappointed the expectations of their teachers. I will leave the Medical Officer to deal in his Report with the medical statistics and the sanitary condition of the Asylum and its branches. I cannot, however, refrain from quoting a letter from the grateful parents of a delicate boy admitted from Halifax. The boy had made much progress at School, and had learned to read and write fairly well. His illness was but of brief duration, and, to the sorrow of all, terminated fatally.

HALIFAX, June 9th, 1900.

To J. DIGGENS, Esq.,  
Principal,  
R. A. A.,  
Lancaster.

DEAR SIR,

Will you please pardon any seeming forgetfulness or ingratitude suggested by our long-deferred acknowledgment of the parental interest and care bestowed upon our son by you during his residence at your valuable institution.

Our confidence in your methods, and the satisfaction received at your hands, is not easily expressed.

And for the very decided improvement in his mental condition and habits we sincerely thank you, and shall ever hold dear the magnificent institution and splendid staff where our boy had such a happy home.

To both of your esteemed Matrons we owe and desire herewith to convey our hearty thanks.

We can never sufficiently thank his teachers and nurse for the patience, care, and motherly love bestowed upon our boy, which had so won him that the readiness with which he always returned after a vacation was only equalled by the joy he had at meeting us.

Will you also kindly allow us to acknowledge the many personal kindnesses we have received at your hands on the several occasions we have visited your institution during his stay.

We are, Dear Sir,

Ever yours gratefully,

L. and M. J. T.



Not long before his fatal illness, the following letter was received by the poor boy from his mother, which further serves to illustrate how much the training of the Institution is appreciated by grateful parents :—

HALIFAX, October 1st, 1899.

MY DEAR ARTHUR,

I cannot express the joy it gave me to receive a letter from you, also to know you are very well. I am very glad you enjoyed your holiday with us. It pleased me very much to know the other children had an outing. I do not know your teacher, but I would like to thank her with my whole heart ; I can only do so in the language of our Saviour, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of these little ones, ye have done it unto me." May your efforts be crowned with success. Your brothers and sisters were delighted you had not forgotten them. It is a plain proof you have not forgot your home. Love from all, hoping to see you at Christmas, from

Your ever loving and affectionate

MOTHER.

In nearly every instance of the patients discharged, there has been great improvement in habits. Some had made good progress in school or in industrial occupations, and several on leaving the Institution were able to obtain work and to earn a livelihood, while others, under proper care and friendly supervision, might at least have contributed to this very desirable result. The friends should strive to find work for these discharged cases as soon as they get home, and not let them relapse into idle and wayward habits. I may here cite one rather remarkable instance of improvement after comparatively brief training. A Yorkshire lad who, in the course of less than four years' residence in the Institution, had spent most of his time in the bake-house, went home for a holiday last August, and while there engaged himself to a confectioner as an improver at 10/- a week for two years, at the end of which time he is to receive the ordinary wages of a journeyman. I have pleasure in quoting the following letter from his father :—

Discharges.

August 31st, 1899.

Mr. DIGGENS,

Dear Sir,

After careful consideration, I have decided not to let my son S. L. return to the Asylum. He has got work under a good master. He has had to go as an improver for two years ; his wages will only be small, but he will thoroughly learn his trade. I could not think of keeping him away without informing you of the fact, and thank you and all the officials who have helped in the great improvement that he has made while under your care and instruction. Trusting the action I am taking will meet with your approval and cause no offence,

I am, yours respectfully,

S. L.

This lad had, under Institution training, greatly improved in habits, demeanour and intelligence, and he had become quite bright and smart in appearance. Before leaving, he was frequently sent on errands to Lancaster, which he satisfactorily carried out. On a recent visit to the Institution, he stated that his wages had been advanced to 15s. a week.

The following is a letter which I received from a patient discharged last October. He had been employed in different departments of the Institution, and especially in the bake-house, but, for reasons of health, was latterly sent into the garden to work.

HALIFAX, December 16th, 1899.

MY DEAR MR. DIGGENS,

I soon got work after I got home from Lancaster. It was among the wool. I got 16 shillings a week, but I was among Machinery, and the overlooker did not think it was safe for me, so I had to leave that place.

I go to work with my Father now out of doors. I shovel soil. I get ten shillings a week. I cannot work when it is frosty. I am very well.

I went to church last Sunday evening by myself. I liked it. I sang the hymns. We shall soon have Christmas here—I wish you a merry Christmas.

Please give my love to J. L. I hope he is very well. I remember what Mr. Varey taught me. I copied some reading out of a book into a copybook and I'm going to try and draw a little.

I remain, Yours respectfully,

J. C.

Visit of  
Liverpool  
Teachers.

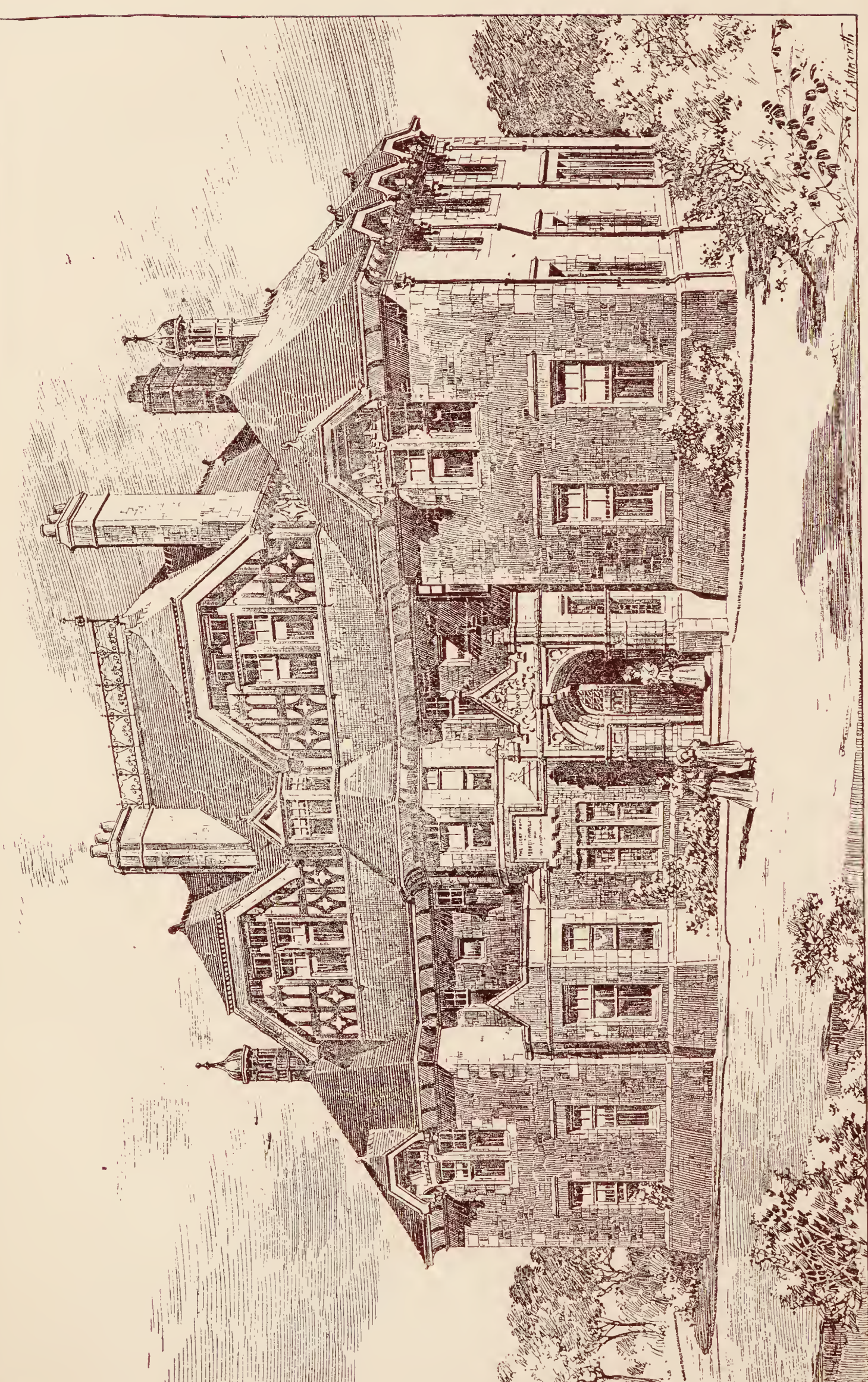
Early in the year three teachers from the Liverpool School Board spent several weeks here in studying our methods of training mentally-deficient children.

Workshops.  
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Deficient  
Accommodation.

As the number of boys increases, the greater is the difficulty of finding sufficient Workshop accommodation for those who show but little aptitude for school attainments, but who might at once be set to learn some useful handicraft. Our present means of training are much crippled by this deficiency. The shops were designed for far fewer boys than we have now in the Institution. Two different trades are being carried on in the same rooms, and the consequent crowding and general inconvenience greatly hinder progress. My ideal of such useful accommodation is the Peckover Schools recently opened in connection with the Eastern Counties' Asylum at Colchester, the gift of a munificent friend of that Institution. Perhaps, in the course of a few years, the Committee may be able to see their way to erect







STOREY HOME FOR FEEBLE-MINDED GIRLS



a new Laundry, when the upper floor of the present workshop and laundry block might be converted into several admirable, spacious shops, with good lighting and ventilation. Notwithstanding our present difficulties, the trades of shoemaking, tailoring, basket-making, upholstering work, mat-making, brush-making, and joinery, are being satisfactorily conducted. In the shoemakers' shop, several boys can make shoes under supervision, others can neatly stitch uppers, and some can do simple repairs. One lad can work the stitching machine. The introductory occupation is shoe-cleaning. The amount of work got through in this shop does very great credit to the master, Mr. G. Parsons, who has held his present situation for 29 years. It is a heavy task, even with two paid assistants, to keep nearly 600 such patients well shod, and could not be accomplished but for the useful help of trained lads. The tailors' shop under the charge of Mr. R. Craig, who has three paid assistants, and who has been in the service of the Institution for nearly 15 years, is also efficiently conducted. Not a few of our young patients are rather dirty in their habits and very destructive of their clothing, and the difficulty of keeping up the supply of garments can only be understood by those who are practically acquainted with the management of such Institutions. The strain upon the laundry from this cause is also very great. Our basket-making was retarded by a change of masters, Mr. Wm. Wood having left to start a similar class for the blind at Alexandria, under the auspices of the Countess of Meath, and I am glad to know he is doing well. We were fortunate in finding a suitable successor, who is carrying on the work efficiently. A few of the patients are making considerable progress in brush-making, but the experienced master, Mr. J. Taylor, is much crippled for the want of room where suitable appliances for other kinds of work than those now undertaken could be fixed and used. Mr. J. Nickson, who has been with us 28 years, still takes much pride in teaching joinery to his boys, and has for some time been much engaged with them in making tables, cupboards, chests of drawers, etc., for the Ashton Wing. It is really surprising what excellent work is being turned out by some of his well-trained pupils. Two of them have made beautiful sideboards, which have been much admired by competent judges. As I mentioned in my last Report, one of these youths is teaching the wood-carving class, and shows great tact and skill in the management of his pupils, who are making good progress. The mattress shop affords suitable occupation in hair-teasing for some of the less intelligent patients, and a few lads are learning to make mats of cocoa-nut fibre. Mr. Mallard

Shoemakers.

Tailors.

Basket-makers.

Brush-makers.

Joiners and  
Cabinet-makers.

Wood-carving.

Mat-making,  
Hair-teasing, &c.

Baking.

is the master in this shop. It would be a serious mistake not to refer again to the excellent training given to his pupils by Mr. Holland, the baker, whose affectionate interest in his boys is most commendable. So well have they been trained, that, under his observation, the lads can make and bake a batch of bread without assistance from him. He is often the recipient of interesting letters from old pupils who have left the Institution.

Outdoor  
Occupations.

But, as I have frequently urged, outdoor occupations are the most healthful, and, perhaps, looking to the future of our patients, the most useful employments in which they can be engaged. So far as our garden and farm boys are concerned, they greatly thrive physically, and they are the pictures of health. Simple outdoor employment seems to be more easily obtainable when they leave the Institution, and I know of several of our ex-patients earning really good wages at such work. With the dearth of unskilled labour, especially in the agricultural districts, I think there is likely to be a fair opening for our carefully trained, robust youths. That they are very useful here is proved by the fact of their being greatly missed when they go for a holiday or are discharged.

Garden.

Mr. F. Varey, the head gardener, who has been with us 17½ years, still takes a kindly interest in his boys, and gets them to weed, wheel a barrow, dig, gather crops, help to mow the lawns, &c. I have every confidence that, under our new farm bailiff, Mr. Wm. Orr, who seems to take great pride in every department of his work, the training of the farm boys will be carried on with as much efficiency as ever.

Farm.

Two or three of his youths are as useful as ordinary labourers, while others can do various useful "chores" about the farm, and take a delight in their work of cleaning out the shippens and piggeries, and feeding the cattle, as well as helping in the fields. The outdoor life suits them wonderfully well, and they grow to be fine, strong lads, with large appetites. One patient from Northumberland, who had been at the farm for many years, had come to the conclusion that he was as good as any of the ordinary labourers, and having applied to "live out," was so disappointed with the refusal that he became discontented and requested his discharge. As it was feared that his influence might make others discontented, he was discharged to his Union, but it did not suit him to stay idle in the workhouse, and he quickly found work as an agricultural labourer. I must repeat what I have urged before, that I think it would be a most beneficent plan if some of the well-trained youths and young women could be retained in the service of the Institution, and the paid staff reduced proportionately. It would be setting a good



example to other employers of labour. There is, of course, the difficulty of responsibility, but they could be employed to *assist* in the various departments.

The Storey Home, which is now occupied by 38 of our senior girls, continues to be efficiently and economically managed by Mrs. Smith. The girls are healthy and happy, and are trained to all kinds of domestic usefulness, as in scrubbing, sweeping, dusting, polishing floors, making beds, cooking, baking, and laundry work. Mrs. Smith teaches them also hand-sewing, machine-sewing, knitting, simple dressmaking, &c. Many of the girls assist in the housework or help the nurses at the Asylum, and two or three take turn in housework at the Infirmary, or assist in the care of the young children in the Girls' School. The benevolent objects of the founder of the Home, the late Sir Thomas Storey, are being realised, and it must be a source of much gratification to Lady Storey, and to the other members of the family, to watch the progress of the work.

The  
Storey Home.

It is interesting to refer to a visit recently paid to the Storey Home by Sir William Turner, F.R.C.S., D.Sc., F.R.S., &c., the President of the British Association this year. Sir William was a life-long friend of the founder, and at this visit was accompanied by Lady Storey and Miss Storey. He made the following entry in the Visitors' Book :—

Sir William Turner has visited the Home built by his old friend Sir Thomas Storey, and he derived much pleasure in seeing its admirable arrangements and the contented looks of the inmates.

This is the decided testimony of all who have the opportunity of inspecting the Home.

Brunton House, our Home for private pupils, which was opened on Jubilee Day, 1887, is still under the efficient and sympathetic care of the Matron, Miss D. Studdert, assisted by an adequate staff. The pupils are about a dozen mentally-deficient youths of a better social position, who daily attend the classes and occupations at the Institution, or find congenial employment in the beautiful and extensive grounds of the Home. They lead a varied, unconstrained, happy life, which certainly promotes both physical and mental development.

Brunton House.

The Boys' School sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. Edward Woods, who had been its Head Master since its opening. Mr. Woods was a man of more than ordinary

The Schools.

Death  
of the  
Schoolmaster.

attainments, and had received a University education. He came to us from the Yorkshire Deaf and Dumb Institution at Doncaster. There he had acquired useful experience in dealing with defective children, and he soon became enamoured of his work at the Royal Albert Asylum. He evinced keen interest in the progress of his pupils, by whom he was greatly beloved. In addition to his ordinary school work, Mr. Woods was extremely useful in many ways. He regularly conducted morning and evening prayers, and took the lead in the conduct of the Sunday evening services for the patients. We all miss him greatly, and not least Dr. Douglas and myself. He was, as far as his lameness permitted, the life and soul of our outdoor amusements, and especially of our Whitsuntide gala. He died after a long, lingering illness, and the members of the staff have shown their esteem for his memory by subscribing, with your kind assistance, for the erection of a handsome headstone at his grave.

Re-organisation  
of the  
Schools.

The death of Mr. Woods rendered necessary the reorganisation of the Schools. With a view to more individual attention to those boys and girls who show any aptitude for school work, I have reduced the number of the pupils and rearranged the duties of the teachers. With the Committee's sanction, an additional female teacher was employed, and Miss Burdett, the head mistress, was, as an experiment, put in charge of both schools, with the exception of the Brunton House boys and some other senior boys, to whom Mr. Vere and Mr. Gallaway are able to devote closer attention. Including the head mistress, there are now seven female teachers; and Mr. Vere and Mr. Gallaway are the only male teachers. Our experience with respect to most of the pupils is, like that of the American Institutions for the Feeble-minded, that in teaching such cases, women display more patience, tact, and resourcefulness, than men. A great deal of ingenuity and vivacity is necessary to arouse the dormant intelligence of the imbecile. The senses have to be quickened and cultivated, and, in my paper on "Our Schools," I have sought to indicate how this can be accomplished. There is very little to be done in the improvement of imbeciles if the work is conducted in a cold, perfunctory manner. The teacher must be bright, alert, ingenious in arousing attention, apt in eliciting what is known as well as in communicating instruction, and prompt to welcome every gleam of intelligence; and, unless there be a sincere love of the work, it will come to be regarded as painful drudgery, and the results will be most discouraging. As I have said before, we must pay special

Women  
Teachers.

Special  
Qualifications  
of  
Teachers.



attention to the limitations of the mental capacities of our patients, and must adapt our training in every way to these deficiencies. And there are serious physical disabilities to check, modify, or remove, which need the physician's kind, judicious, and skilful treatment. We still give prominence to useful object-lessons on common phenomena and things. We find that such lessons serve to awaken curiosity and inquiry as well as to store the mind with interesting and necessary information; but I still regard the teaching of reading and writing as of the highest importance. Many of our patients have learned these arts, and they can put them to good use in communicating with their friends. They derive great pleasure from being able to write and receive letters. They cannot be expected to produce models of epistolary correspondence; but, as the subjoined letter, written with his left hand by a poor, semi-paralysed youth, who has learned in the Institution all he knows, shows, they can express their desires in a clear, precise manner :

Objects of  
Education  
and  
Training.

Letter from a  
Paralysed  
Patient.

R.A.A., LANCASTER,  
Aug 2nd, 1900.

DEAR SIR,

Please excuse my writing to you as I wish to ask a favour. I have made a set of table mats all through and I wish to ask if you will kindly give them to me to take home, as I have made them for that purpose. I have never taken anything home before.

Of course I have made several baskets and sent them away but I have always paid the Institution for them.

I will always do my best for the Asylum and if there is anything you wish me to make I will try my best to do so.

I am, Yours truly,

J. T. L.

The Principal,  
R.A.A.

I need not say that, with the sanction of the Committee, to whom I showed the letter, I gladly acceded to the poor lad's request. Anyone seeing his crippled hands would wonder how he could either write or work with them at all. He is one of the very few imbeciles who make much progress in arithmetic. He can solve problems in proportion, practice, vulgar fractions, etc., which he works from the book.

I hope that we shall find the present school arrangements sufficiently successful to be made permanent. We are always on the *qui vive* for improved methods and appliances. In the boys' school, we have a class for elementary basket-making, one for wood-carving, and, as soon as we can

Industrial  
Training  
in  
School.



get room accommodation and suitable appliances, we shall proceed with our bookbinding class. At the present time, Mr. Gallaway has a small printing class in one of the top-floor rooms of the Institution.

#### Drill

The Swedish drill class is carried on by Mr. Vere under medical supervision ; and military drill is efficiently conducted by Chief Attendant Bond, formerly a drum major in the army. Mr. Bond keeps up the patients' drum and fife band, but in the summer time the boys much prefer open-air games, as cricket, etc.

#### Playfields.

I find the play-fields of great advantage, and I have had them fitted up with swings, see-saws, parallel bars, horizontal raised ladders, and other gymnastic apparatus of a simple and safe kind.

#### Christmas Festivities

The various Christmas festivities passed off satisfactorily, though Mr. Woods's genial presence and activity were much missed. The additional work which devolved upon the staff generally was cheerfully done, and the patients enjoyed themselves immensely. On the 29th of December and two subsequent evenings, "Old Knockles," a musical comedy, was performed under the direction of Dr. Douglas, who had devoted much attention to the rehearsals ; and Mr. Vere conducted the Asylum band. The first part of the programme each evening consisted of musical drill and "Illustrated Nursery Rhymes," given by girls and junior boys, who had been well trained by the Head Mistress. But the great event of the festive season was, as usual, the Christmas Trees, whose fruit was more choice and abundant than ever. I only wish that more of the kind donors could have been present to witness the intense pleasure of the recipients. And here I would heartily thank the Editors of the Lancaster newspapers for their great kindness in giving publicity to my appeals, and for the full and admirable reports of the Christmas festivities which they always publish.

#### The Soldier Ex-Patient.

In my last Report, I referred to a young man, a former pupil, who had been serving as a trooper in one of the hussar regiments. While in the Institution, he had greatly improved, both mentally and physically, and had learned to be a fair joiner. His friends not being able to find him work at his trade or other suitable employment, he enlisted, and, when war broke out, went with his regiment to South Africa. He served in Lord Dundonald's brigade for the relief of Ladysmith, and afterwards acted as orderly in the military hospital at Mooi River, where he died of enteric

fever. I now quote a letter which was received from him only two or three weeks before his death. It was a sad ending for the poor fellow, who, as he told me when he visited the Institution two or three years ago, intended, on the completion of his term of military service, to apply for admission into the Canadian Mounted Police. There have been one or two other ex-patients of the Royal Albert Asylum who have served their Queen and country in the British army.

DEAR FRIEND,

I now take the pleasure in writing these few lines, hoping they will find you in good health, as I am myself at the time of writing to you. I am very sorry that I didn't write to you before now, but I hope you will excuse me for not writing, because we were very busy for several months before the time came for us to go out to South Africa War. I never thought there would be a war in my time of soldiering, and I will be very glad when it is all over, because I would like to get back to England again, and if I live to get back I will come to see you again. South Africa is a very pretty country, but it is very hot in the day-time, and it is very cold at night-time. That is the cause of so many men dying with fever in South Africa. In hospital at Mooi River there is three men died nearly every day of the week. I am looking after fever cases in Mooi River Hospital. There is over 1000 men wounded in hospital. I never saw such a sight in my life before as I have seen in Africa. And we had a very nice voyage out to South Africa. It took us just about a month to get out. It is no good of me saying anything about the war, because you can read more about it in the daily paper. And it is very rough in war time. We sleep in tents every night when we are not fighting, and when we are fighting we sleep on wet grass or grass out on the open plain, and live on tin meat and hard biscuits for many days. We have just about been six months in Africa. At Spion Kop it was like fireworks going off to see the Artillery in action. Shot were flying all around everybody what were there, and dropping men all over the field. I expect you have a few fresh hands now at the R.A.A. Now I will say good-bye to you.

I remain, your true friend,

W. J. B.

Several improvements have been effected since my last Report. The extension of the Farm House, so as to provide the labourers with a separate sitting-room, has been completed, and, with the additional bedroom also obtained, has contributed much to the comfort of the men. About 380 yards of strong, unclimable iron railing have been supplied and fixed by Messrs. A. & J. Main & Co., Ltd., Glasgow, as a permanent boundary between the grounds and the fields. An iron fire-escape staircase has been erected at the north end of the Storey Home, and this building for forty girls now has three staircases from which exit may be made in the event of fire. Sliding partitions have been erected at the Rodgett Infirmary to provide separate day-room accommodation for the senior boys; and similar partitions have also been supplied to both schools. A new drainage scheme on the



most approved system, according to the plans of Messrs. Austin and Paley, is being carried out under their supervision, and when this is completed, it will be necessary to asphalt the play-yards on both sides of the building. I am glad to know that the Committee are favourable to the introduction of the electric light into the main building of the Asylum, if a good, economical system can be submitted. It would certainly conduce to the health of the patients, the cleanliness and safety of the building, and the convenience of administration; and it would be an inestimable advantage if at the same time some plan could be devised for the ventilation of the large dormitories and other rooms. The Storey Home was prepared for the electric light by the special order of Sir Thomas Storey; and, when considering the plans of the Ashton Wing, the Committee decided to have preparations made for its introduction there.

Inspection of  
Fire-extinguish-  
ing Appliances.

Inadequate  
Water Pressure.

The Asylum and its branches are visited quarterly by Messrs. Merryweather's Inspector from London, when he overhauls the fire-extinguishing apparatus, and drills the male and female staff in its use. Attention has been repeatedly called to the inadequate pressure of water which, in the event of a serious fire, might have most disastrous consequences. The Lancaster Corporation have promised a practical consideration of the difficulty, and now that a large main from the new Blea Tarn reservoir has been laid in the neighbourhood of the Asylum, it should not be long before there is as good a pressure as when the Asylum was first opened. It is hoped that it may not be necessary to lay a special fire main all round the exterior of the Asylum, and connected directly with the Blea Tarn main.

The Study of  
Physiology  
by Members of  
the Staff.

During the last session, Dr. Coupland has conducted at the Storey Institute, Lancaster, a physiology class, which has been attended by several members of our staff. The class has been in connection with the South Kensington Department of Science and Art, and one of our teachers has obtained a second-class certificate in advanced physiology; one a first-class certificate in elementary physiology; and two, second-class certificates. Several nurses have obtained second-class certificates in the elementary stage, and the boys' wardrobe-keeper received a first-class certificate. I think these results are very creditable to the efficiency of the lecturer, and to the diligence and perseverance of the students. It must be remembered that the class has been held in the evening after a hard day's work, and that the Storey Institute is distant more than a mile from the Asylum. There can, of course, be very few facilities for private study



in a large asylum. I am satisfied that such knowledge is likely to stimulate greater interest in our training and educational work.

I am pleased to be able to report that an arrangement for most of the nurses to sleep in upper rooms of the building, apart from the patients, has been satisfactorily carried out. This is a matter to which I adverted in my last Report, and I have to thank the Committee for so promptly assenting to the experiment being made. There cannot be any question that the change must be conducive to the health and comfort of the nurses. It was necessary to increase the night supervision when the nurses were withdrawn from the patients' dormitories. With some rearrangements, which can be made when the Ashton Wing is opened, I trust that separate sleeping accommodation may be found for the male attendants. But, whilst we have a few single-men attendants who have been with us for many years, there is some difficulty in keeping young men in the service of the Institution, there being so many opportunities of employment for them of a nature not so exacting and confining. Besides, our preference for musical qualifications limits the field from which to obtain suitable men. Married men are the stable element of our male staff, and we have found them to be steady, reliable officials. As Lord Bacon says, "He that hath wife and children hath given hostages to fortune." He cannot, on account of any little trouble or friction, suddenly resign his situation without having some other occupation in view. I am certain, too, that their own family attachments tend to make them considerate and tactful in dealing with our boys. With an adequate staff of night attendants, I see great advantage in the employment of married attendants for day-work. They would take it in turn to sleep in the Institution. We have some thoroughly efficient married attendants who have been in the employment of the Institution for many years.

Private  
Dormitories for  
Nurses and  
Attendants.

Single and  
Married  
Attendants.

By the kindness of the Committee a party of eighty members of the staff enjoyed last autumn a delightful excursion to Ambleside, with pleasant drives in that beautiful district. They returned to their duties very grateful for the change which had been so graciously and thoughtfully provided for them.

Excursion to  
Ambleside.

I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to Dr. Douglas, the Resident Medical Officer, and to Dr. Coupland, the Assistant Medical Officer, who have given me their esteemed and loyal co-operation. It was a source of much gratification to me when the Committee elected Dr. Douglas on the

Acknowledg-  
ments.

Dr. Douglas.

General Staff.

Office Staff.

Thanks  
to Mr. John  
Satterthwaite.

Annual  
Conference of  
Managing  
Officials.

resignation of Dr. Telford-Smith, who had spent ten years in the service of the Institution. I had had much pleasant experience of Dr. Douglas during the nearly four years that he filled the post of Assistant Medical Officer, and I felt confident that, with his genial sympathies and earnest faith in the work, he would devote his energies and abilities to the hearty and zealous performance of the more responsible duties of the position of Medical Officer. I wish also gratefully to acknowledge the assistance I have received from the staff generally. It is most important for the successful administration of the Institution that there should be unity of purpose and loyal co-operation in all ranks of the staff. Although such reference may not be strictly in place here, I think I ought not to omit mentioning the efficient help which I have always received from Mr. Macdonald, the steward and storekeeper, and from Mr. Shaw, Mr. Sutcliffe, and Mr. Keir, clerks in the office, all of whom, with the exception of Mr. Keir, have been with me for many years. Their fidelity and ungrudging services are much appreciated by me.

To Mr. John Satterthwaite, Chairman of the Farm Committee, I wish to offer my sincere thanks for exercising almost daily supervision over the Asylum and Farm on several occasions when I have been from home.

The Annual Conference of the Managing Officials of the English Institutions for Imbeciles, of which I have been again honoured with the presidency, was held in London on the 9th and 10th of last May. I read a paper on "Our Schools"; Dr. Douglas dealt with "Our Epileptics"; Dr. Caldecott, Medical Superintendent of the Earlswood Asylum, discussed "Our Lighting, Heating, and Ventilation"; Mr. Howard, Secretary of the Earlswood Asylum, read a paper on "Our Funds"; and Mr. J. J. C. Turner, Superintendent and Secretary of the Eastern Counties' Asylum at Colchester, read one on "Our Manual Training." Mr. Arthur Turner, Assistant Secretary of the Colchester Asylum, acted as secretary to the Conference. The reading of these papers was followed by a practical discussion of the various subjects, and some consideration was given to the recent movements on behalf of the so-called "feeble-minded," the members of the Conference being strongly of opinion that these "feeble-minded" children and young persons are really of the same class as our higher-grade Imbeciles. There can be no doubt that the interchange of ideas and experience at these conferences is of benefit not only to the officials attending them, but is also of great service to the Institutions which they represent.

In concluding this Report I cannot refrain from tendering to the Chairman and the other members of the Central Committee my grateful acknowledgments for the sympathy and support accorded to me in my arduous labours. For thirty-five years I have been permitted to bear a humble part in the building up of this noble Institution for ameliorating the condition of the deeply-afflicted Imbecile, first as General Secretary and latterly as General Secretary and Principal ; and I am happy to record that my suggestions with regard to the conduct of the various departments of my work, the improvement of the organisation and management, and the extension of the usefulness of the Institution, have always received courteous and generous consideration. My task has, however, been sometimes performed amidst grave domestic anxieties and in not too vigorous health, and, with increasing years and the additional responsibilities arising from the growth of the Institution, it is not likely to become less burdensome ; but my practical interest in the cause will, I am sure, remain unabated.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES DIGGENS,

Principal.





# REPORT OF THE RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER.

*To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.*

GENTLEMEN,

As your Resident Medical Officer I have the honour to present my Report for the year, from June 30th, 1899, to June 30th, 1900.

Numerical  
Changes.

The following table will indicate the numerical changes which have occurred in the patients during that period :—

|                                         | Males. | Females. | Total, |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| In the Asylum July 1st, 1899 ... ..     | 398    | 190      | 588    |
| Admissions ... ..                       | 47     | 27       | 74     |
| Discharges ... ..                       | 40     | 18       | 58     |
| Deaths ... ..                           | 8      | 3        | 11     |
| Aggregate number under treatment ... .. | 445    | 217      | 662    |
| Average ... ..                          | 401    | 193      | 594    |
| Maximum number resident on any one day  | 411    | 200      | 611    |
| In the Asylum, June 30th, 1900 ... ..   | 397    | 196      | 593    |

Admissions.

The cases admitted were received in the months of September, October, April, and June. They occupied, as formerly, the upper floor of the Rodgett Infirmary for a period of fourteen days' quarantine. This fortnight I consider to be quite long enough for the purposes of disinfection and for the preliminary observation of our new cases before they are transferred to the Asylum. A more extended period of isolation has been found to be somewhat prejudicial to the general health of children coming from their homes. Notwithstanding the fact that they are made as comfortable as possible in the Infirmary, and are encouraged to take every advantage of its beautiful grounds, they feel the necessarily enforced sameness of their surroundings, are more liable to fret, and thus become more likely to contract disorders which probably otherwise would not appear.

During this period of quarantine it is our invariable rule to devote a considerable amount of attention to the new patients. It is at this time that their degree of mental weakness is gauged, their individual peculiarities and idiosyncrasies noted, and their physical defects observed. A careful consideration of all the circumstances connected with each case enables us to arrive at an approximately correct classification and aids us materially in determining their ultimate departmental location in the Asylum.

The discharges for the year are 58 in number, and in the majority of instances considerable improvement has been effected in their mental condition and habits. Given sympathetic and judicious supervision several ought to be able to earn their own living. Much however rests with the parents and guardians of these young persons, and their degree of success after leaving us is largely dependent upon the manner in which the duty of care and supervision is interpreted. The cases discharged are classified in four groups according to the degree of improvement shown after their seven years' residence. The subjoined table shews the numbers in each group :—

Discharges.

|              |                    |    |
|--------------|--------------------|----|
| Improved     | { Much ... ..      | 13 |
|              | { Moderately... .. | 16 |
|              | { Slightly ... ..  | 20 |
| Not Improved | ... ..             | 9  |
|              |                    | 58 |

From this it will be seen that only nine out of the fifty-eight could be described as not improved, and analysis of this comparatively small number elicits the fact that one was discharged from the Asylum on account of extensive scrofulous disease, after having been under care only a few weeks ; a second was removed by his parents after only six months' residence ; and a third it was deemed inadvisable to retain on account of periodical paroxysms of dangerous violence to other patients—a condition which will ultimately merge into insanity. To speak accurately, therefore, only six can be said to have failed to benefit from training.

The number of deaths during the year was eleven, giving a death rate of 1.85 on the average number resident, and of 1.66 on the aggregate number under care. A list of the various causes of death and of the number certified under each cause is given in the following table :—

Deaths.

|                            | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| General Tuberculosis ...   | 2      | 1        | 3      |
| Phthisis ... ..            | —      | 1        | 1      |
| Pneumonia ... ..           | 1      | —        | 1      |
| Meningitis ... ..          | 1      | 1        | 2      |
| Peritonitis ... ..         | 1      | —        | 1      |
| Intestinal Obstruction ... | 1      | —        | 1      |
| Epilepsy ... ..            | 1      | —        | 1      |
| Acute Bronchitis ... ..    | 1      | —        | 1      |
| 8                          |        | 3        | 11     |

The general health of the patients has, on the whole, been excellent ; this, and the low death-rate, I attribute in very great measure to our insisting upon the children being out in the open air as much as possible. Even the weakly

General Health.



ones in the fine weather are carried into the grounds and remain outside for the greater part of the day. For those whose power of walking is defective, there are the smooth and well kept paths forming a promenade which is in every way safe, and where there is no necessity for their being hurried. The stronger and more robust make frequent use of the breezy Victoria Walk, and enter with much zest into games of cricket, football, skipping rope, &c. The gymnastic apparatus, which has been recently erected in the play fields, has been a source of unfailing pleasure throughout the summer.

Infectious  
Disease,

In the early spring of this year ten patients were attacked with chicken-pox. The cases were promptly isolated as they occurred, and a spread of the contagion was thereby prevented. They were all of a very mild type, and rapid recovery took place in every instance.

Sanitary  
Condition.

The sanitary condition of the Asylum and its branch establishments is satisfactory. The work in connection with the new drainage scheme is rapidly approaching completion, and when finished will be an almost perfect example of modern and scientific sanitary engineering.

Epilepsy.  
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The number of epileptic patients in the Asylum is 64. I much regret to notice that this is an increase of five since the last medical report was submitted. The table appended gives a complete record of the actual number of fits occurring amongst those cases whose condition is more pitiable than that of any of the other patients :—

Summary of  
Fits.

| SUMMARY OF EPILEPTIC FITS, YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1900. |       |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |     |      |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-----|------|-------|
| Class.                                                  | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April | May | June | Total |
| Senior Boys                                             | 69    | 43   | 76    | 68   | 64   | 72   | 66   | 51   | 54   | 54    | 47  | 53   | 717   |
| Junior Boys                                             | 194   | 284  | 272   | 265  | 191  | 159  | 135  | 193  | 130  | 128   | 52  | 137  | 2140  |
| Girls... ..                                             | 160   | 178  | 125   | 94   | 130  | 104  | 96   | 122  | 112  | 141   | 125 | 160  | 1547  |
| Total ...                                               | 423   | 505  | 473   | 427  | 385  | 335  | 297  | 366  | 296  | 323   | 224 | 350  | 4404  |

Progressive  
Deterioration.

It is very sad to have to report the occurrence of such a large number of fits, when we are aware that the minds of all of these sixty-four patients are undergoing progressive deterioration, which is quite out of our power to arrest; pathological changes in the cell and tissue structure of the brain creep slowly on, and if such patients escape death from intercurrent disease their end is invariably in the "Status Epilepticus," or from exhaustion produced by extensive cerebral degeneration. The fact, however, remains

that the epileptics are of all our cases the most unsatisfactory mentally, morally, and physically. Many of our boys leave the Institution so improved by training as to be able, under sympathetic and interested supervision, to earn a livelihood, and to hold situations with a certain amount of credit to themselves and satisfaction to their employers, but we cannot hope for such results from the very best of our epileptic pupils. They are, in the first instance, born with brains already too heavily handicapped for resisting the inroads of epilepsy upon their mental functions. These sooner or later become affected to such a degree as to preclude all hope of further improvement. Unfortunately it is not always the exigencies of the epilepsy pure and simple with which we are called upon to deal, for we find other diseases associated with it in the feeble-minded, notably tuberculosis and paralyses of different forms. A large number of the epileptic children in this Asylum exhibit a marked predisposition to the former, and are constantly in need of careful attention and frequent examination from time to time. With respect to the co-existence of paralysis with epilepsy, I am glad to report that it is less common in this Institution, but we have had one or two very typical examples of this condition, notably the case of one poor lad who died during the year. He was for many months bedridden, absolutely helpless, filthy in habits, with his mind rapidly approaching complete extinction from years of numerous fits. This patient was a constant cause of anxiety in many ways, not the least being the fear of his engendering bedsores. In such cases the innervation and general functions of the skin become seriously impaired, and nothing but the greatest vigilance and care will prevent the formation of sores. In this connection I would beg leave to express my appreciation of the admirable manner in which Miss Bracken, the Nurse-Matron of the Rodgett Infirmary, has discharged her important and often trying duties during the past year. Another serious contingency which we are sometimes called upon to treat is the supervention of a form of mania occurring just before or immediately after a fit or series of fits. If the mania runs high, with much motor excitement, and the presence of fixed delusions, and does not shew signs of subsiding after the employment of the usual forms of treatment, such cases often have to be removed to a lunatic asylum, and end badly. Early in this year we had an instance in point. One of our epileptic youths, after a series of mild seizures, became subacutely maniacal. He was for some time incoherent and violent, and gave expression to a number of fleeting delusions. We at once had him removed to the Rodgett Infirmary, away from all source of fancied

Diseases  
associated with  
Epilepsy.

Prevention of  
Bedsores.



Education of  
Epileptics.

irritation, and under a course of suitable treatment he fortunately recovered about a week after. With respect to any benefits which might accrue to our epileptics from our educational and industrial training there is very little indeed to be said. Those of them who have fits at long intervals attain to a certain height on the mental ladder, and, other things being equal, they may remain there at their best for a time. It is for cases like these who may be capable of instruction that I cordially endorse the view held by the Principal that whenever possible they ought to be taught to read and write, and to the few who reach those attainments the value of their acquisition is almost inestimable. Instead of moving aimlessly through their lives, discontented, quarrelsome, and addicted to vicious habits, the ability to read and write opens up to them new fields of thought, confers new and varied interests, and provides many an hour of calm recreation or pleasurable work. For those, on the other hand, whose fits are very frequent, and dementia is rapidly progressive, nothing can be done beyond endeavouring to ameliorate their condition by trying to make their surroundings and daily lives as happy and less irksome to them as may be possible. The medicinal treatment of epilepsy has made no material progress during the last few years. Many remedies are constantly being vaunted as specifics, but experience proves that while some are merely uncertain and unsatisfactory in their action, others are more or less harmful to the system, and their prolonged use is not infrequently attended with risk. I have a strong feeling against the indiscriminate use of drugs and the system formerly so much in vogue in Asylums of keeping stock bottles in the wards, and the patients being dosed by the nurse or attendant. This practice is greatly to be deprecated. No drug is administered here except under the express direction of my colleague or myself. With regard to the surgical operations which have been performed with a view to curing epilepsy, the majority have utterly failed; a few have mitigated the intensity and frequency of the seizures, but these results have, in my opinion, been more accidental than otherwise, and the morbid histology of the subject as it stands at present does not offer much hope that permanent cure will be effected by surgical interference. All authorities are agreed that an open-air life is the one which is most suitable for our epileptic patients. With this object we have sent as many of the cases whose mental capacity admits of it to work with the gardener in close proximity to the Asylum, so that in the event of medical aid being at any time needed it can be quickly summoned. For the lower-grade epileptics we have arranged that they spend two

Medicinal  
Treatment.

Surgical  
Operations.

Open-air Life.

or three hours every day outside. It is most desirable in the best interests of the Institution that we exercise great care in the admission of candidates who at one time in their lives have been subject to epilepsy; cases of this kind which have been admitted after two years' immunity from attacks often commence having fits after being in residence a month or two; some also of our ordinary patients become epileptic while under care, and during the past year no fewer than ten patients are reported to have had fits for the first time in the Asylum. The problem of the ultimate disposal of chronic epileptics, and unimprovable and paralytic idiots will never be satisfactorily solved until the State or Local Authority provides for such cases in custodial Asylums, which need not be costly either in erection or maintenance.

Admission of  
Epileptics.

Custodial  
Asylums.  
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We have during the past twelve months devoted considerable attention to the subject of physical drill, and it would be difficult to over-estimate its importance as a factor in our system of training here. Having in view the corporeal peculiarities and abnormalities of many of the patients, certain evolutions of the ordinary drill were found to be impossible for them, and a careful selection of suitable exercises, easy of performance, was made, and it has answered its purpose admirably. Every drill is under the direct personal supervision of the Assistant Medical Officer or myself. *Mens sana in corpore sano* is in a modified sense as applicable to our charges as it is in its fuller significance to normal children, and a very great deal can be done by a careful and judiciously regulated course of physical drill to obviate and remedy the shortcomings of nature, the osseous and muscular systems are developed and strengthened, and the feeble circulation, weak lungs, defective action of the skin and kidneys which are so often the concomitants of mental weakness have their share in the general beneficial results. The military drill classes continue to be conducted by the Chief Attendant, and the boys perform the different movements creditably and smartly, many defects in gait and deportment arising from previous slovenliness and neglect being eradicated.

Physical Drill.

During the winter months an entertainment has been given every Monday evening in the Winmarleigh Hall, and a dance for the patients has been held every month. Christmas Day passed off as happily as in former years, and great was the delight of the children during the usual distribution of parcels in the De Vitre Hall. The Christmas trees were plentifully supplied and were a source of much pleasure. The comic operetta, entitled "Old Knockles," was played three times, preceded on each occasion by a

Entertainments.



performance of musical drill and nursery rhymes given by several of the girls and junior boys. Each of these combined performances was highly appreciated by both patients and visitors. I ought also to mention that the Whitsuntide Gala was held as formerly in the canal fields, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

Annual Pic-nic.

The Annual Picnic to Cockersand Abbey was a success in every way; the party numbered 150 patients and 27 of the staff, including the Asylum Band. Games of various kinds were indulged in by the seashore, and all returned in the early evening much the better for their day's outing.

Conference.

The Annual Conference of the Managers of the English Training Institutions for Imbeciles was held in London in May under the presidency of Mr. Diggins, at which I had the honour of reading a paper on "Our Epileptics." Other instructive papers were read, which were followed by discussion.

Acknowledgments.

Before closing my first report as your Resident Medical Officer, I would beg leave to accord my best thanks to the Principal for his invariable kindness and courtesy to me during my anxious year of work. In times of doubt and difficulty Mr. Diggins, as in former years, has given me much sound advice, the outcome of his mature experience, which I have always found to be of great practical utility.

To my esteemed colleague, Dr. W. H. Coupland, I desire to tender my cordial acknowledgments for his loyal co-operation and valuable assistance. He has devoted much skill and kind, patient attention to the sick patients, both at the Asylum and at the Rodgett Infirmary.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I beg most respectfully to express to you my deep sense of the honour you have done me in electing me to fill the important and responsible post of Resident Medical Officer of this Asylum. It will be my earnest endeavour to continue to merit the confidence you have shewn in me and to promote by every means in my power the well-being of the patients and the efficiency of the medical department of the Institution.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. DOUGLAS,

Resident Medical Officer.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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LANCASTER, 13th SEPTEMBER, 1900.

I have the honour to report that I have examined the Books of Account of the Royal Albert Asylum for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1900. Vouchers for all payments have been exhibited to me, and correct summaries of the receipts and payments of the year are shown in the accompanying Balance Sheets. The Books continue to be kept with neatness and accuracy.

Maintenance Account, which contains the details of the working of the Institution, shows a satisfactory increase in the receipts for Payments for Patients and Donations, while on the expenditure side decreases in clothing and some other items have more than counterbalanced the large increase in the cost of coals.

From the Estate and Buildings Improvement Account have been deducted the receipts and payments of former years on account of the new Wing, and these have been carried to a new Ashton Wing Account. Including a sum of £3,300 received by a transfer from the Maintenance Account, the balance standing to the credit of the Estate and Buildings Improvement Account is now £12,263 13s. 10d.

The donations for the year to the Ashton Wing Account, including Lord Ashton's gift of £10,000, are £10,865 6s. 8d., the expenditure during the year £5,841 14s. 4d., and the balance in hand towards the further expenditure £5,804 6s. 4d.

The Sustentation Fund has received from Legacies £4,976 2s. 6d., and from Donations £280. For the completion of the eight new Cottages there has been a further expenditure of £2,107 0s. 4d., and for the building of a new Lodge £449 6s. 6d. In company with the Honorary Auditor, Mr. Albert Greg, I examined the Deeds and Certificates representing the Sustentation Fund Investments, and found them in proper order.

On this my last audit of the accounts, I desire to thank the members of the Central Committee for the unvarying kindness received from them during my long term of office. I shall always feel it a privilege to have been connected with an Institution which has made such excellent progress. During the 26 years the increase has been nearly threefold. The number of patients has risen from 201 to 594, the annual income on Maintenance Account from £8,055 to £22,222, and the income of the Sustentation Fund Investments from £2,096 to £4 808. Also 90 acres have been added to the Estate; the Winmarleigh Recreation Hall, the Rodgett Infirmary, the Storey Home, and 14 workpeople's cottages have been built, and the erection of the Ashton Wing commenced.

W. G. WELCH, AUDITOR.



MAINTENANCE

Dr.

From June 30th, 1899,

| Receipts.                                                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | £      | s. | d. | £      | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1899                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |        |    |    | 1,164  | 3  | 4  |
| „ Donations                                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 399    | 2  | 5  |        |    |    |
| „ Annual Subscriptions                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,293  | 2  | 2  |        |    |    |
| „ Payments for Patients                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11,697 | 13 | 5  |        |    |    |
| „ Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,808  | 7  | 1  |        |    |    |
| (Including £13 15s. 8d., "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift") |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |        |    |    |        |    |    |
| „ Interest on Bank Deposits                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 74     | 0  | 9  |        |    |    |
| „ Rent                                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 205    | 5  | 6  |        |    |    |
| „ Sundries                                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 205    | 14 | 10 |        |    |    |
|                                                              |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |        |    |    | 21,683 | 6  | 2  |
| Farm Produce { Supplied to the Asylum...                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | £3,232 | 6  | 5  |        |    |    |
| { Sold ... ..                                                |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 135    | 2  | 0  |        |    |    |
|                                                              |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | £3,367 | 8  | 5  |        |    |    |
| Less cost of Stock, Provender, &c. ...                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2,828  | 7  | 3  |        |    |    |
|                                                              |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | £539   | 1  | 2  |        |    |    |
|                                                              |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |        |    |    | 539    | 1  | 2  |



£23,386 10 8

Examined and compared with the Books of Account  
and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—13th September, 1900.  
W. G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.  
ALBERT GREG, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

ACCOUNT,  
to June 30th, 1900.

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## Expenditure.

|                                                                                                                                                             | £     | s. | d. | £      | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| By Expenses of General Annual Meeting at Leeds,<br>Meeting at Bradford, and of Local Committees, &c.                                                        | 194   | 7  | 6  |        |    |    |
| „ Expenses of Election at Bradford ... ..                                                                                                                   | 50    | 8  | 7  |        |    |    |
| „ Printing 5,500 Thirty-fifth Annual Report,<br>Reports of Meetings, Appeals, Pamphlets,<br>Books of Account, and General Printing and<br>Stationery ... .. | 190   | 3  | 8  |        |    |    |
| „ General Advertising... ..                                                                                                                                 | 45    | 10 | 7  |        |    |    |
| „ Postage of Letters, Annual Reports, Subscription Lists,<br>Voting Papers, Appeals, Pamphlets, &c. ... ..                                                  | 90    | 6  | 8  |        |    |    |
| „ Offices (Lancaster and Manchester), Rent, Rates, Gas,<br>Telegrams, Carriage and Petty Cash Sundries ... ..                                               | 127   | 9  | 8  |        |    |    |
|                                                                                                                                                             |       |    |    | 698    | 6  | 8  |
| „ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices £843 4s. 5d. }<br>Expenses ... .. { Asylum £6,621 7s. 11d. }                                                    | 7,464 | 12 | 4  |        |    |    |
| „ Provisions ... { Purchased ... .. £2,338 15s. 6d. }<br>{ From Farm... .. £3,232 6s. 5d. }<br>{ From Garden ... .. £225 18s. 9d. }                         | 5,797 | 0  | 8  |        |    |    |
| „ Necessaries: Coals ... ..                                                                                                                                 | 1,471 | 5  | 5  |        |    |    |
| Gas ... ..                                                                                                                                                  | 298   | 3  | 0  |        |    |    |
| Water... ..                                                                                                                                                 | 231   | 1  | 0  |        |    |    |
| General ... ..                                                                                                                                              | 294   | 15 | 5  |        |    |    |
| „ Clothing ... ..                                                                                                                                           | 976   | 10 | 5  |        |    |    |
| „ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c. ... ..                                                                                                                     | 116   | 6  | 7  |        |    |    |
| „ Asylum Printing and Stationery ... ..                                                                                                                     | 21    | 10 | 4  |        |    |    |
| „ Asylum Postage ... ..                                                                                                                                     | 7     | 17 | 3  |        |    |    |
| „ Insurance ... ..                                                                                                                                          | 83    | 11 | 0  |        |    |    |
| „ Maintenance Sundries ... ..                                                                                                                               | 559   | 9  | 3  |        |    |    |
| „ Workshops and Repairs... ..                                                                                                                               | 254   | 4  | 0  |        |    |    |
| „ Building Sundries ... ..                                                                                                                                  | 10    | 14 | 7  |        |    |    |
| „ Furniture: General ... ..                                                                                                                                 | 188   | 10 | 3  |        |    |    |
| Ironmongery ... ..                                                                                                                                          | 28    | 0  | 6  |        |    |    |
| Bedding... ..                                                                                                                                               | 100   | 16 | 6  |        |    |    |
| House Linen ... ..                                                                                                                                          | 19    | 7  | 10 |        |    |    |
| Crockery and Sundries ... ..                                                                                                                                | 43    | 1  | 5  |        |    |    |
|                                                                                                                                                             |       |    |    | 17,966 | 17 | 9  |
| „ Property Expenses ... ..                                                                                                                                  |       |    |    | 59     | 4  | 0  |
| „ Bank Interest, Commission, &c. ... ..                                                                                                                     |       |    |    | 60     | 6  | 11 |
| „ Grounds and Garden Expenses ... .. £415 3 7                                                                                                               |       |    |    |        |    |    |
| Less value of Produce:                                                                                                                                      |       |    |    |        |    |    |
| Supplied to the Asylum ... £225 18 9                                                                                                                        |       |    |    |        |    |    |
| Sold ... .. 1 9 2                                                                                                                                           |       |    |    |        |    |    |
|                                                                                                                                                             | 227   | 7  | 11 |        |    |    |
|                                                                                                                                                             | £187  | 15 | 8  |        |    |    |
|                                                                                                                                                             |       |    |    | 187    | 15 | 8  |
| „ Estate and Buildings Improvement Account .. ..                                                                                                            |       |    |    | 3,300  | 0  | 0  |
| „ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1900 ... ..                                                                                                         |       |    |    | 1,113  | 19 | 8  |

£23,386 10 8



ESTATE AND BUILDINGS

Dr. From June 30th, 1899,

| Receipts. |                                                    | £   | s.  | d.  | £      | s. | d. |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|----|----|
| To        | Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1899         | ... | ... | ... | 10,502 | 15 | 1  |
| „         | Bank Interest                                      | ... | ... | ... | 167    | 8  | 11 |
| „         | Transfer to Ashton Wing Account:                   |     |     |     |        |    |    |
|           | Payments from June 30th, 1898, to June 30th, 1899, |     |     |     | 3,400  | 1  | 1  |
|           | for Extension of the Asylum (Ashton Wing)          | ... |     |     |        |    |    |
| „         | Maintenance Account...                             | ... | ... | ... | 3,300  | 0  | 0  |

£17,370 5 1

Audited and found correct.--13th September, 1900.  
W. G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.  
ALBERT GREG, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

ASHTON WING

Dr. From June 30th, 1896,

| Receipts. |                                                          | £   | s.  | d.  | £      | s.     | d.    |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|-------|
| To        | Transfer from Estate and Buildings Improvement Account:— |     |     |     |        |        |       |
|           | Donations from June 30th, 1896, to June 30th, 1899:      |     |     |     |        |        |       |
|           | 1896-97                                                  | ... | ... | ... | 1,225  | 6      | 0     |
|           | 1897-98                                                  | ... | ... | ... | 1,885  | 3      | 0     |
|           | 1898-99                                                  | ... | ... | ... | 1,000  | 5      | 11    |
|           |                                                          |     |     |     |        | 4,110  | 14 11 |
| „         | Donations, from June 30th, 1899, to June 30th, 1900      | ... |     |     | 10,865 | 6      | 8     |
| „         | Bank Interest                                            | ... | ... | ... | 70     | 0      | 2     |
|           |                                                          |     |     |     |        | 10,935 | 6 10  |

£15,046 1 9

Audited and found correct.—13th September, 1900.  
W. G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.  
ALBERT GREG, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

## IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1900.

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| Expenditure.                                                                                   |     | £     | s. | d. | £                  | s. | d. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|----|----|--------------------|----|----|
| By Addition to the Farm House                                                                  | ... | 278   | 6  | 4  |                    |    |    |
| „ Iron Fencing                                                                                 | ... | 217   | 10 | 0  |                    |    |    |
| „ Emergency Staircase at the Storey Home                                                       | ... | 99    | 2  | 7  |                    |    |    |
| „ Alteration at the Rodgett Infirmary                                                          | ... | 22    | 1  | 0  |                    |    |    |
| „ Gate-opening Apparatus                                                                       | ... | 23    | 19 | 5  |                    |    |    |
| „ Alteration of the Drainage System                                                            | ... | 350   | 0  | 0  |                    |    |    |
|                                                                                                |     |       |    |    | 990                | 19 | 4  |
| „ Bank Commission                                                                              | ... |       |    |    | 4                  | 17 | 0  |
| „ Transfer to Ashton Wing Account:                                                             | ... |       |    |    |                    |    |    |
| Donations from June 30th, 1896, to June 30th, 1899, for Extension of the Asylum (Ashton Wing): |     |       |    |    |                    |    |    |
| 1896-97                                                                                        | ... | 1,225 | 6  | 0  |                    |    |    |
| 1897-98                                                                                        | ... | 1,885 | 3  | 0  |                    |    |    |
| 1898-99                                                                                        | ... | 1,000 | 5  | 11 |                    |    |    |
|                                                                                                |     |       |    |    | 4,110              | 14 | 11 |
| „ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1900                                                   | ... |       |    |    | 12,263             | 13 | 10 |
|                                                                                                |     |       |    |    | <b>£17,370 5 1</b> |    |    |

## ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1900.

Cr.

| Expenditure.                                                |     | £     | s. | d. | £                  | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|----|----|--------------------|----|----|
| By Transfer from Estate and Buildings Improvement Account:— |     |       |    |    |                    |    |    |
| Payments, from June 30th, 1898, to June 30th, 1899:         |     |       |    |    |                    |    |    |
| Masonry                                                     | ... | 2,950 | 0  | 0  |                    |    |    |
| Architects' Commission                                      | ... | 400   | 0  | 0  |                    |    |    |
| Wood for Furniture                                          | ... | 39    | 12 | 0  |                    |    |    |
| Bank Commission                                             | ... | 10    | 9  | 1  |                    |    |    |
|                                                             |     |       |    |    | 3,400              | 1  | 1  |
| „ Payments, from June 30th, 1899, to June 30th, 1900:       |     |       |    |    |                    |    |    |
| Masonry                                                     | ... | 3,650 | 0  | 0  |                    |    |    |
| Woodwork                                                    | ... | 1,650 | 0  | 0  |                    |    |    |
| Plumbing and Glazing                                        | ... | 318   | 11 | 8  |                    |    |    |
| Slating                                                     | ... | 200   | 0  | 0  |                    |    |    |
| Wood for Furniture                                          | ... | 19    | 8  | 0  |                    |    |    |
| Bank Commission                                             | ... | 3     | 14 | 8  |                    |    |    |
|                                                             |     |       |    |    | 5,841              | 14 | 4  |
| „ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1900                | ... |       |    |    | 5,804              | 6  | 4  |
|                                                             |     |       |    |    | <b>£15,046 1 9</b> |    |    |



## SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr.

From June 30th, 1899,

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## Receipts.

|                                                         | £     | s. | d. | £     | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
| To Legacies ... ..                                      | 4,976 | 2  | 6  |       |    |    |
| „ Donations ... ..                                      | 280   | 0  | 0  |       |    |    |
|                                                         | <hr/> |    |    | 5,256 | 2  | 6  |
| „ Balance due to Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1900 ... .. |       |    |    | 805   | 19 | 3  |

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£6,062 1 9

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*Audited and found correct.*—13th September, 1900.

W. G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.  
ALBERT GREG, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

## ANNUAL ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1900.

Cr.

Expenditure.

|                                                                   | £     | s. | d. | £     | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
| By Balance due to Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1899 ...             |       |    |    | 3,505 | 14 | 11 |
| „ Completion of Eight new Cottages on the Asylum<br>Estate ... .. | 2,107 | 0  | 4  |       |    |    |
| „ New Lodge on the Asylum Estate ... ..                           | 449   | 6  | 6  |       |    |    |
|                                                                   |       |    |    | 2,556 | 6  | 10 |

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£6,062 1 9

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# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

| RECEIPTS.                                                                                                                                       | 1898—99.                     |           | 1899—00.                     |            | Increase. |           | Decrease. |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
|                                                                                                                                                 | Average No. of Patients 576. | £ s. d.   | Average No. of Patients 594. | £ s. d.    | £ s. d.   | £ s. d.   | £ s. d.   |  |
| Donations .....                                                                                                                                 | 223 11 2                     | 399 2 5   | 4293 2 2                     | 11697 13 5 | 4807 0 3  | 72 0 10   | 195 0 6   |  |
| Annual Subscriptions .....                                                                                                                      | 4306 12 4                    | 11101 4 1 | 4807 0 3                     | 72 0 10    | 195 0 6   | 152 2 10  | 238 16 8  |  |
| Payments for Patients .....                                                                                                                     | 11101 4 1                    | 4807 0 3  | 72 0 10                      | 195 0 6    | 152 2 10  | 238 16 8  | 539 1 2   |  |
| Interest on Sustentation Fund .....                                                                                                             | 4807 0 3                     | 72 0 10   | 195 0 6                      | 152 2 10   | 238 16 8  | 539 1 2   | 13 10 2   |  |
| Investments .....                                                                                                                               | 72 0 10                      | 195 0 6   | 152 2 10                     | 238 16 8   | 539 1 2   | 13 10 2   | 1139 8 10 |  |
| Interest on Bank Deposits .....                                                                                                                 | 195 0 6                      | 152 2 10  | 238 16 8                     | 539 1 2    | 13 10 2   | 1139 8 10 | 1189 8 10 |  |
| Rent .....                                                                                                                                      | 152 2 10                     | 238 16 8  | 539 1 2                      | 13 10 2    | 1139 8 10 | 1189 8 10 | 1189 8 10 |  |
| Sundries .....                                                                                                                                  | 238 16 8                     | 539 1 2   | 13 10 2                      | 1139 8 10  | 1189 8 10 | 1189 8 10 | 1189 8 10 |  |
| Farm (Value of Produce, less cost of Stock, Provender, &c.)                                                                                     | 238 16 8                     | 539 1 2   | 13 10 2                      | 1139 8 10  | 1189 8 10 | 1189 8 10 | 1189 8 10 |  |
| EXPENDITURE.                                                                                                                                    |                              |           |                              |            |           |           |           |  |
| Expenses of General Annual Meeting, of Public Meetings, and of Local Committees, &c., Election Expenses .....                                   | 265 18 3                     | 51 10 2   | 194 7 6                      | 50 8 7     | 258 15 1  | 37 0 0    | 100 5 6   |  |
| Printing Annual Reports, Reports of Meetings, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery ..... | 190 3 8                      | 45 10 7   | 90 6 8                       | 125 0 3    | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6 | 1084 13 6 |  |
| General Advertising .....                                                                                                                       | 190 3 8                      | 45 10 7   | 90 6 8                       | 125 0 3    | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6 | 1084 13 6 |  |
| General Postage .....                                                                                                                           | 190 3 8                      | 45 10 7   | 90 6 8                       | 125 0 3    | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6 | 1084 13 6 |  |
| Offices (Lancaster & Manchester) Rent, Rates, Gas, Carriage, Telegrams, and Petty Cash Sundries                                                 | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses .....                                                                                                  | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Provisions .....                                                                                                                                | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| NECESSARIES:—Coals .....                                                                                                                        | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Gas .....                                                                                                                                       | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Water .....                                                                                                                                     | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| General .....                                                                                                                                   | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Clothing .....                                                                                                                                  | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c..                                                                                                                 | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Insurance .....                                                                                                                                 | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Sundries .....                                                                                                                                  | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Workshops, Repairs, &c. ....                                                                                                                    | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Building Sundries .....                                                                                                                         | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| FURNITURE:—General .....                                                                                                                        | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Ironmongery .....                                                                                                                               | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Bedding .....                                                                                                                                   | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| House Linen .....                                                                                                                               | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Crockery & Sundries                                                                                                                             | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Property Expenses .....                                                                                                                         | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Bank Interest, Commission, &c.                                                                                                                  | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Grounds and Garden Expenses, less value of Produce .....                                                                                        | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| Estate and Buildings Improvement Account .....                                                                                                  | 125 0 3                      | 7395 13 7 | 5947 14 6                    | 1084 13 6  | 280 5 9   | 209 13 0  | 268 2 7   |  |
| NET INCREASE                                                                                                                                    | £1125 18s. 8d.               | 1194 9 11 | 2290 18 7                    | 2386 10 8  | 1164 3 4  | 2290 18 7 | 2386 10 8 |  |
| Balance at beginning of year..                                                                                                                  | 1194 9 11                    | 2290 18 7 | 2386 10 8                    | 2386 10 8  | 1164 3 4  | 2290 18 7 | 2386 10 8 |  |
| NET INCREASE                                                                                                                                    | £1125 18s. 8d.               | 1194 9 11 | 2290 18 7                    | 2386 10 8  | 1164 3 4  | 2290 18 7 | 2386 10 8 |  |
| Balance at beginning of year..                                                                                                                  | 1194 9 11                    | 2290 18 7 | 2386 10 8                    | 2386 10 8  | 1164 3 4  | 2290 18 7 | 2386 10 8 |  |

## SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(Including Donations to the General, Maintenance, and Sustentation Funds ; and current Annual Subscriptions),

| FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND<br>PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD. |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Donations. |    |    | Annual Sub-<br>scriptions. |    |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|----|----|----------------------------|----|----|
|                                                                               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | £          | s. | d. | £                          | s. | d. |
| LANCASTER (1)                                                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30836      | 6  | 11 | 227                        | 6  | 6  |
| LIVERPOOL (2)                                                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11673      | 5  | 5  | 347                        | 1  | 0  |
| MANCHESTER (3)                                                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10836      | 13 | 9  | 481                        | 12 | 4  |
| BRADFORD (4)                                                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10238      | 5  | 1  | 341                        | 13 | 8  |
| PRESTON (5)                                                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9050       | 14 | 8  | 34                         | 2  | 6  |
| ROCHDALE (6)                                                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7171       | 4  | 4  | 178                        | 13 | 0  |
| WESTMORLAND (7)                                                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6500       | 16 | 3  | 226                        | 7  | 6  |
| LEEDS (8)                                                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5683       | 3  | 2  | 168                        | 11 | 0  |
| HALIFAX (9)                                                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5557       | 4  | 6  | 413                        | 3  | 4  |
| CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE, &C.) (10)                                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5554       | 8  | 11 | 319                        | 3  | 0  |
| CHESHIRE (11)                                                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5269       | 18 | 6  | 481                        | 15 | 3  |
| SHEFFIELD (12)                                                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3383       | 9  | 1  | 94                         | 2  | 0  |
| OLDHAM (13)                                                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3309       | 15 | 0  | 52                         | 11 | 6  |
| YORK (14)                                                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2777       | 0  | 7  | 82                         | 10 | 0  |
| DURHAM (COUNTY)                                                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2740       | 5  | 8  | 410                        | 9  | 2  |
| NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &C.)                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2506       | 19 | 11 | 24                         | 12 | 6  |
| BURY (18)                                                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2141       | 1  | 6  | 45                         | 7  | 0  |
| BOLTON (15)                                                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1928       | 9  | 0  | 41                         | 9  | 6  |
| BLACKBURN (16)                                                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1813       | 10 | 0  | 19                         | 19 | 0  |
| HUDDERSFIELD                                                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1533       | 10 | 8  | 110                        | 4  | 3  |
| SETTLE...                                                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1469       | 1  | 11 | 22                         | 16 | 0  |
| NORTHUMBERLAND                                                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1342       | 7  | 8  | 43                         | 19 | 0  |
| SKIPTON                                                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1262       | 19 | 6  | 13                         | 1  | 6  |
| SOUTHPORT...                                                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1107       | 9  | 6  | 31                         | 6  | 0  |
| WAKEFIELD (17)                                                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 986        | 18 | 7  | 3                          | 3  | 0  |
| BURNLEY                                                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 932        | 1  | 1  | 28                         | 2  | 6  |
| WARRINGTON                                                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 765        | 2  | 6  | 5                          | 5  | 0  |
| KEIGHLEY                                                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 765        | 17 | 0  | 5                          | 5  | 0  |
| ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE                                                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 662        | 7  | 0  | 10                         | 15 | 6  |
| WIGAN                                                                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 522        | 16 | 6  | 18                         | 7  | 6  |
| ROTHERHAM                                                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 387        | 8  | 6  | 8                          | 18 | 6  |
| SCARBOROUGH                                                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 362        | 13 | 0  | 6                          | 6  | 0  |
| ST. HELENS                                                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 295        | 12 | 6  | 5                          | 15 | 6  |
| HULL                                                                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 267        | 14 | 2  | 10                         | 4  | 6  |
| DONCASTER...                                                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 188        | 9  | 9  | 24                         | 3  | 0  |

June 30th, 1900.

JAMES DIGGENS, PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY.

(1) The Lancaster Donations include £10,000 from the Right Hon. Lord Ashton; £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton, and £500 from the late Miss Brunton; £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company; £1800 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co., who also contribute a Special Annual Subscription of £52 10s.; and £1050 from H. L. Storey, Esq.

- (2) The Liverpool Donations include £1500 from Mrs. Chas. Turner.
- (3) The Manchester Donations include £1105 from the late John Fernley, Esq.; £1000 from the late Robert Barnes, Esq.; and £1000 from the late William Atkinson, Esq.
- (4) The Bradford Donations include £5105 from the late Sir Titus Salt, Bart., and £650 from Joseph Craven, Esq.
- (5) The Preston Donations include £5000 from the late E. Rodgett, Esq., and £677 10s. from the late Richard Newsham, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £1000.
- (6) The Rochdale Donations include £625 from the late Richard Hurst, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, junr., Esq.; £500 from the late John Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; £500 from the late Joshua Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; and £500 from the late Samuel Fielden, Esq., Todmorden, who also bequeathed a legacy of £2000.
- (7) The Westmorland Donations include £1000 from the late Mrs. Bindloss, who also bequeathed a legacy of £900; £675 from the late W. H. Wakefield, Esq.; £400 from the late John Wakefield, Esq.; £500 from the Executors of the late F. A. Argles, Esq.; and £560 10s. from the late Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (8) The Leeds Donations include £1105 from Messrs. Joshua Tetley and Son; £700 from Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Knt.; £525 from the late Arthur Lupton, Esq., and Mrs. Arthur Lupton; and £500 from the late Miss Dawson, of Bramhope Manor, Otley.
- (9) The Halifax Donations include £630 from the late Joshua Appleyard, Esq.; and £768 5s. from the late Hanson Ormerod, Esq.
- (10) The Cumberland Donations include £525 from the late Thomas Ainsworth, Esq., Cleator, and £500 from the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster.
- (11) The Cheshire Donations include £500 from the late Duke of Westminster, K.G., and £500 from the late Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton.
- (12) The Sheffield Donations include £525 from Sir F. T. Mappin, Bart., M.P.; and an Annual Subscription of £50 from the Sheffield Town Trustees.
- (13) The Oldham Donations include £631 5s. from the late Asa Lees, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £10,000; £500 from the late Eli Lees, Esq.; and £500 from the late Charles Edward Lees, Esq.
- (14) The York Donations include £1000 from "A Friend," per the late Wm. Gray, Esq.
- (15) The Bolton Donations include £500, "In Memory of the late Wm. Hampson, Esq."
- (16) The Blackburn Donations include £775 from the late Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (17) The Wakefield Donations include £250 from the late Daniel Gaskell, Esq.
- (18) The Bury Donations include £1,050 from the late Miss Openshaw for the "John Openshaw of Irwell bed," in memory of her father, the late John Openshaw, Esq., and £50 in memory of her friend, the late Dr. de Vitre.



## CASES OF IMPROVEMENT,

## ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT.

JUNE 30TH, 1900.

## SENIOR BOYS.

A. (1861.) When admitted in March, 1896, spoke fairly well, knew one or two letters, could only make strokes on slate, counted a little, knew no hour or minute, knew a few coins, told one or two simple colours, and was very deficient generally.

Now, he speaks well, reads easy words and writes the same from dictation, writes fairly well in copy-book, works sums in simple addition and subtraction, knows all the hours and quarters, tells all the coins and weights, has much improved in general knowledge, and is a good worker in the Bakehouse.

B. (1862.) When admitted in March, 1896, spoke fairly well, knew only letter O, could only make strokes on slate, counted up to 30, knew no hour or minute, knew a few coins, told only one colour, and in general knowledge was very deficient.

Now, he speaks well, reads easy words and writes the same from dictation, writes fairly well in copy-book, works sums in addition and simple subtraction, knows all the hours and five minutes, tells all the coins and weights, has much improved in general intelligence, and is a useful worker in the Bakehouse.

C. (1999.) When admitted in June, 1898, spoke fairly well, knew a few letters, could write easy letters on paper, knew the value of unit figures, told some of the hours, knew a few coins and weights and a few colours.

Now, he speaks well, reads fairly well and writes easy words from dictation, works sums in simple addition and subtraction, tells the time to a minute, knows all the coins and weights, and calculates fairly in shop lesson, and in general knowledge has much improved.

D. (2068.) When admitted in December, 1898, wrote fairly well, worked simple addition and subtraction sums, knew a few hours, a few coins and weights, told a few simple colours, was deficient in general knowledge,

Now, he reads well, has improved in writing, writes letters to his friends, works sums in compound subtraction, tells the time to a minute, draws fairly well on paper, calculates fairly well in shop lesson, has generally improved, and is doing well as a Brushmaker.

## GIRLS.

E. (1550.) When admitted in July, 1892, at the age of thirteen, knew a few letters, made strokes on a slate, counted a little, but was unable to recognise colours, or to hold a needle.

Can now read well, write letters home, do dictation, work easy sums, tell the hours and half-hours on a clock, understand the value of all coins and weights, distinguish between and match all colours, answer intelligently in Kindergarten and object lessons, do needlework, knit stockings, darn and help in domestic work. She also helps in the choir on Sunday evenings.

F. (1798.) When admitted in October, 1895, at the age of nine, knew no letters, only scribbled on a slate, could not count, was unable to recognise the simplest colour, knew nothing of drill, and could not hold a needle.

Can now read easy books, write little words from dictation, understand the value of units and make figures on a slate, tell all the hours and half hours on a clock, name and point out all coins and weights, distinguish between and match all colours, drill and march well, do plain knitting, make an attempt at needlework, and help to make beds. She took part in some nursery rhyme tableaux at the Christmas Entertainment.

G. (1951.) When admitted in August, 1897, at the age of eight, knew a few letters, made strokes on a slate, counted a little, knew one or two simple colours, could not hold a needle, made no attempt at drill.

Can now read easy books, write words at dictation, tell all the hours on a clock, name and point out a few coins and weights, distinguish between and match all colours, use Kindergarten occupations intelligently, drill and march well, do plain knitting, hem fairly, help to make beds and carry messages. She also took part in the Christmas Entertainment.

H. (1883.) When admitted in September, 1896, at the age of fourteen, knew no letters, could just attempt to write, counted a little, but had no knowledge of colour, drill, or needlework.

Can now read easy books, write in a copy-book fairly well, add and subtract units, tell all the hours on a clock, name and point out some coins and weights, recognise all simple and some compound colours, drill fairly, hem, do knitting and help to make beds.

#### JUNIOR BOYS.

I. (1787.) When admitted in October, 1895, at the age of eleven, knew no letters, only scribbled on a slate, knew nothing of numbers or colours, and had no idea of drill.

Can now read easy books, write fairly well in a copy-book, count up to thirty, tell all the hours on a clock, name and point out some of the most used coins and weights, distinguish between all colours, use Kindergarten gifts intelligently, drill well and march to music, do plain knitting, and help to make beds.

J. (1962.) When admitted in September, 1897, at the age of ten, knew one or two letters, made strokes on a slate, counted a little, knew a few colours, and made an attempt at drill.

Can now read easy books, write fairly well in a copy-book, understand the value of units, tell the hours on a clock, name and point out some coins and weights, recognise all colours, do Kindergarten work intelligently, drill well and march to music, do knitting and help to make beds. He took part in the Christmas Entertainments.

K. (2076.) When admitted in November, 1898, at the age of seven, knew no letters, could only make strokes on a slate, counted a little, knew no colours, attempted to drill and listened to music.

Can now name and point out all letters, write fairly well in a copy-book, add and subtract units, tell all the hours on a clock, understand the value of a few coins and weights, distinguish between most colours, copy Kindergarten drawings, drill well and march to music, do knitting, help to make beds and take messages. He also took part in the Christmas Entertainment.

L. (1898.) When admitted in October, 1896, at the age of ten, knew nothing, spoke almost inaudibly, and it was a difficult matter to make him talk at all.

Can now speak more distinctly, read easy books, write well, tell the hours on a clock, name and point out a few coins, understand the value of units, recognise all colours, drill fairly, do knitting, and help to make beds. He also took part in the Christmas Entertainments.



M. (1971.) When admitted in September, 1897, at the age of fourteen, spoke very indistinctly, knew one or two letters, wrote a little, counted a few units, knew no colours, but could name a few coins.

Can now speak much more distinctly, read easy words, write at dictation, do easy sums, tell the time exactly, recognise most coins and weights, distinguish between colours, draw figures having straight and curved lines, name and state use of most common objects.

N. (2074.) When admitted in December, 1898, at the age of thirteen, knew a few letters, formed strokes on a slate, knew the value of some units, could distinguish black from white, and attempted to draw.

Can now read easy books, write letters to his parents, work easy sums, tell the time to a minute, point out and name all coins and weights, recognise all simple colours, do ruler drawing and colouring fairly well, answer intelligently in object lessons, and make himself generally useful to the attendants.

O. (2001.) When admitted in June, 1898, at the age of twelve, knew his letters, and could write some of them, understood the value of units, knew some simple colours, and could name a few coins.

Can now read easy books, write letters home, work easy sums, tell the exact time, recognise most colours, point out and name all coins and weights, and calculate a little, draw figures having straight and curved lines fairly, and answer intelligently in object lessons.





## SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Reports of the Schoolmaster,  
Schoolmistress, and Gymnastic Master.

| GRADES.                                                                            | CLASSES OF PATIENTS.  |                             |                       |              | TOTALS.   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|
|                                                                                    | 1.<br>Senior<br>Boys. | 2.<br>Low<br>Grade<br>Boys. | 3.<br>Junior<br>Boys. | 4.<br>Girls. |           |
|                                                                                    | 96                    | 26                          | 65                    | 44           | 231       |
| <b>I. SPEECH.</b>                                                                  |                       |                             |                       |              |           |
| 1. Make no attempt ... ..                                                          | 0                     | 1                           | 9                     | 4            | 14        |
| 2. Make some attempt ... ..                                                        | 4                     | 8                           | 7                     | 1            | 20        |
| 3. Make a few articulate sounds ... ..                                             | 1                     | 5                           | 7                     | 5            | 18        |
| 4. Speak indistinctly ... ..                                                       | 11                    | 5                           | 19                    | 11           | 46        |
| 5. Speak fairly ... ..                                                             | 24                    | 5                           | 12                    | 14           | 55        |
| 6. Speak well ... ..                                                               | 56                    | 2                           | 11                    | 9            | 78        |
|                                                                                    |                       |                             |                       |              | <hr/> 231 |
| <b>II. READING.</b>                                                                |                       |                             |                       |              |           |
| 1. Know no letters or words ... ..                                                 | 13                    | 19                          | 31                    | 23           | 86        |
| 2. Know a few letters... ..                                                        | 7                     | 4                           | 8                     | 9            | 28        |
| 3. Know at sight a few words ... ..                                                | 7                     | 0                           | 10                    | 3            | 20        |
| 4. Know all the letters ... ..                                                     | 17                    | 3                           | 9                     | 2            | 31        |
| 5. Read easy words and spell them ...                                              | 24                    | 0                           | 7                     | 5            | 36        |
| 6. Read fairly* ... ..                                                             | 28                    | 0                           | 0                     | 2            | 30        |
| <i>* 45 Patients read books alone for amusement.</i>                               |                       |                             |                       |              | <hr/> 231 |
| <b>III. WRITING.</b>                                                               |                       |                             |                       |              |           |
| 1. Do nothing but scribble ... ..                                                  | 6                     | 20                          | 32                    | 20           | 78        |
| 2. Form strokes, &c., on slate... ..                                               | 13                    | 6                           | 19                    | 12           | 50        |
| 3. Do. do. in copy-book ... ..                                                     | 7                     | 0                           | 4                     | 5            | 16        |
| 4. Form letters in copy-book ... ..                                                | 14                    | 0                           | 6                     | 2            | 22        |
| 5. Write easy words in copy-book ...                                               | 20                    | 0                           | 3                     | 2            | 25        |
| 6. Write fairly* ... ..                                                            | 36                    | 0                           | 1                     | 3            | 40        |
| <i>* 43 Patients write letters home with assistance and 12 without assistance.</i> |                       |                             |                       |              | <hr/> 231 |
| <i>325 Letters have been written and sent home during the past year.</i>           |                       |                             |                       |              |           |
| <b>IV. ARITHMETIC.</b>                                                             |                       |                             |                       |              |           |
| 1. Cannot count at all ... ..                                                      | 8                     | 15                          | 24                    | 15           | 62        |
| 2. Count a little ... ..                                                           | 13                    | 6                           | 23                    | 15           | 57        |
| 3. Count up to 30 ... ..                                                           | 10                    | 5                           | 10                    | 6            | 31        |
| 4. Understand value of unit figures ...                                            | 20                    | 0                           | 8                     | 5            | 33        |
| 5. Work simple addition sums ... ..                                                | 36                    | 0                           | 0                     | 3            | 39        |
| 6. Work easy sums in simple rules* ...                                             | 9                     | 0                           | 0                     | 0            | 9         |
| <i>* 5 Boys work sums in the compound rules.</i>                                   |                       |                             |                       |              | <hr/> 231 |

SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS—*continued.*

| GRADES.                                                            | CLASSES OF PATIENTS.  |                             |                       |              | TOTALS. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------|
|                                                                    | 1.<br>Senior<br>Boys. | 2.<br>Low<br>Grade<br>Boys. | 3.<br>Junior<br>Boys. | 4.<br>Girls. |         |
| V. CLOCK LESSON.                                                   | 96                    | 26                          | 65                    | 44           | 231     |
| 1. Know neither hours nor minutes ...                              | 26                    | 22                          | 48                    | 33           | 129     |
| 2. Know some of the hours ... ..                                   | 10                    | 4                           | 9                     | 4            | 27      |
| 3. Know all the hours ... ..                                       | 18                    | 0                           | 8                     | 5            | 31      |
| 4. Know the hours and quarters ... ..                              | 8                     | 0                           | 0                     | 10           | 10      |
| 5. Do. do. and 5 minutes ... ..                                    | 14                    | 0                           | 0                     | 0            | 14      |
| 6. Can tell the time to a minute ... ..                            | 20                    | 0                           | 0                     | 0            | 20      |
| VI. SHOP LESSON.                                                   |                       |                             |                       |              | 231     |
| 1. Know no coins nor weights... ..                                 | 17                    | 12                          | 42                    | 23           | 94      |
| 2. Know a few coins ... ..                                         | 15                    | 9                           | 11                    | 11           | 46      |
| 3. Do. do. and weights ... ..                                      | 26                    | 3                           | 12                    | 7            | 48      |
| 4. Know all the coins and some weights                             | 18                    | 2                           | 0                     | 3            | 23      |
| 5. Know all the coins and weights and<br>calculate a little ... .. | 15                    | 0                           | 0                     | 0            | 15      |
| 6. Do. do. and calculate fairly ...                                | 5                     | 0                           | 0                     | 0            | 5       |
| VII. COLOUR LESSON.                                                |                       |                             |                       |              | 231     |
| 1. Know no colours ... ..                                          | 11                    | 14                          | 26                    | 19           | 70      |
| 2. Know black and white ... ..                                     | 6                     | 7                           | 10                    | 6            | 29      |
| 3. Know one or two simple colours ...                              | 13                    | 4                           | 9                     | 4            | 30      |
| 4. Know all the simple colours ... ..                              | 16                    | 0                           | 9                     | 8            | 33      |
| 5. Do. do. and some compound shades                                | 19                    | 1                           | 8                     | 0            | 28      |
| 6. Know and can match most compound<br>shades ... ..               | 31                    | 0                           | 3                     | 7            | 41      |
| VIII. MUSIC.                                                       |                       |                             |                       |              | 231     |
| 1. No interest in musical sounds ... ..                            | 0                     | 0                           | 1                     | 0            | 1       |
| 2. Attentive to do. do. ... ..                                     | 8                     | 11                          | 27                    | 26           | 72      |
| 3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words                          | 20                    | 12                          | 15                    | 7            | 54      |
| 4. Do. do. with words ... ..                                       | 65                    | 3                           | 22                    | 9            | 99      |
| 5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical<br>symbols ... ..              | 2                     | 0                           | 0                     | 2            | 4       |
| 6. Sing from do. do. ... ..                                        | 1                     | 0                           | 0                     | 0            | 1       |
| IX. DRILL.                                                         |                       |                             |                       |              | 231     |
| 1. Have no idea of drill ... ..                                    | 0                     | 0                           | 10                    | 7            | 17      |
| 2. Stand at attention when told ... ..                             | 16                    | 22                          | 10                    | 11           | 59      |
| 3. Perform simple movements of limbs                               | 11                    | 4                           | 27                    | 13           | 55      |
| 4. Go through extension movements<br>fairly ... ..                 | 21                    | 0                           | 7                     | 4            | 32      |
| 5. Do. do. do. well, and march                                     | 22                    | 0                           | 6                     | 4            | 32      |
| 6. Do. do. do. to music ... ..                                     | 26                    | 0                           | 5                     | 5            | 36      |
|                                                                    |                       |                             |                       |              | 231*    |

\*—57 Senior Boys and 56 Junior Boys are instructed in Swedish drill.

June 30th, 1900.

JAMES DIGGENS,  
PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY.

INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Return of the Trade Instructors, Chief Attendant, and Head Nurse. It must be understood that the occupations are progressive, in order of difficulty, from 1 to 6; occupation in a higher grade usually implying familiarity with the lower grades.

| OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.                          |  |  |  |  |  | Number employed in each grade, with quality of work. |       |       |              | Total number employed.                      |
|-----------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Grades of Work.                               |  |  |  |  |  | Indif-ferent.                                        | Fair. | Good. | Ex-cel-lent. |                                             |
| I. TAILORING.                                 |  |  |  |  |  |                                                      |       |       |              |                                             |
| 1. Preliminary Work ... ..                    |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 2     | 0     | 0            | 2<br>1<br>4<br>7<br>0<br>1 } 15 Tailors.    |
| 2. Sewing Linings ... ..                      |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 1     | 0     | 0            |                                             |
| 3. Do. Seams ... ..                           |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 1     | 3     | 0            |                                             |
| 4. Felling ... ..                             |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 1     | 4     | 2            |                                             |
| 5. Making Garments ... ..                     |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 0     | 0            |                                             |
| 6. Machining ... ..                           |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 0     | 1            |                                             |
| II. SHOEMAKING.                               |  |  |  |  |  |                                                      |       |       |              |                                             |
| 1. Preliminary Work ... ..                    |  |  |  |  |  | 3                                                    | 0     | 0     | 0            | 3<br>0<br>2<br>0<br>3<br>3 } 11 Shoemakers. |
| 2. Stitching Backs ... ..                     |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 0     | 0            |                                             |
| 3. Closing Sides ... ..                       |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 2     | 0            |                                             |
| 4. Patching and Nailing ... ..                |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 0     | 0            |                                             |
| 5. Repairing ... ..                           |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 3     | 0            |                                             |
| 6. Bottoming (making) ... ..                  |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 2     | 1     | 0            |                                             |
| III. JOINERY.                                 |  |  |  |  |  |                                                      |       |       |              |                                             |
| 1. Preliminary Work (use of tools) ...        |  |  |  |  |  | 1                                                    | 2     | 1     | 3            | 7<br>3<br>0<br>0<br>3<br>4 } 17 Joiners.    |
| 2. Planing at Bench ... ..                    |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 3     | 0            |                                             |
| 3. Making frames ... ..                       |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 0     | 0            |                                             |
| 4. Making simple boxes, &c. ... ..            |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 0     | 0            |                                             |
| 5. Work at Bench (Dovetailing, &c.) ...       |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 3     | 0            |                                             |
| 6. Making Furniture ... ..                    |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 2     | 2            |                                             |
| IV. GARDENING.                                |  |  |  |  |  |                                                      |       |       |              |                                             |
| 1. Preliminary work in weeding class ...      |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 0     | 0            | 0<br>2<br>0<br>5<br>2<br>3 } 12 Gardeners.  |
| 2. Barrow filling and emptying ... ..         |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 2     | 0     | 0            |                                             |
| 3. Weeding amongst crops ... ..               |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 0     | 0            |                                             |
| 4. Picking peas, fruits, &c. ... ..           |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 3     | 2     | 0            |                                             |
| 5. Digging ... ..                             |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 2     | 0            |                                             |
| 6. Potato-setting, &c. (can also dig)... ..   |  |  |  |  |  | 0                                                    | 0     | 0     | 3            |                                             |
| V. OUT-DOOR WORK.                             |  |  |  |  |  |                                                      |       |       |              |                                             |
| Miscellaneous Work under Labour Master ... .. |  |  |  |  |  | 3                                                    | 5     | 3     | 2            | † 13                                        |

† Others employed during hay-time, &c.



| OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.                      |     | Number employed in each grade,<br>and quality of work. |       |       |                 | Total<br>number<br>em-<br>ployed.                                   |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Grades of Work.                           |     | Indif-<br>ferent.                                      | Fair. | Good. | Ex-<br>cellent. |                                                                     |
| VI. FARMING.                              |     |                                                        |       |       |                 |                                                                     |
| 1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c...        | ... | 1                                                      | 0     | 0     | 0               | 13 Farm Boys.<br>1<br>7<br>0<br>1<br>0<br>4                         |
| 2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c.          | ... | 1                                                      | 6     | 0     | 0               |                                                                     |
| 3. Feeding stock                          | ... | 0                                                      | 0     | 0     | 0               |                                                                     |
| 4. Weeding amongst crops (Hoe)            | ... | 0                                                      | 0     | 1     | 0               |                                                                     |
| 5. Work with Horses and Carts             | ... | 0                                                      | 0     | 0     | 0               |                                                                     |
| 6. Milking, &c                            | ... | 0                                                      | 1     | 1     | 2               |                                                                     |
| VII. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOP.            |     |                                                        |       |       |                 |                                                                     |
| 1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c.                | ... | 5                                                      | 10    | 7     | 4               | 45 in Industrial<br>Training Shop.<br>26<br>0<br>10<br>7<br>0<br>2  |
| 2. Plaiting Coir                          | ... | 0                                                      | 0     | 0     | 0               |                                                                     |
| 3. Mat-making                             | ... | 2                                                      | 3     | 3     | 2               |                                                                     |
| 4. Brush-filling                          | ... | 2                                                      | 1     | 2     | 2               |                                                                     |
| 5. Palliasse and Mattress-making          | ... | 0                                                      | 0     | 0     | 0               |                                                                     |
| 6. Basket-making*                         | ... | 0                                                      | 0     | 0     | 2               |                                                                     |
| *Also 12 patients make Baskets in School. |     |                                                        |       |       |                 |                                                                     |
| VIII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.          |     |                                                        |       |       |                 |                                                                     |
| 1. Shoe-cleaning                          | ... | 1                                                      | 7     | 4     | 2               | 65 miscellaneously employed.<br>14<br>9<br>15<br>14<br>1<br>10<br>2 |
| 2. Corridor-cleaning and Ward-work        | ... | 0                                                      | 2     | 4     | 3               |                                                                     |
| 3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c.        | ... | 0                                                      | 9     | 5     | 1               |                                                                     |
| 4. Store-work and Kitchen and Dairy       | ... | 3                                                      | 0     | 8     | 3               |                                                                     |
| 5. Assisting Stoker                       | ... | 0                                                      | 0     | 0     | 1               |                                                                     |
| 6. Assisting Baker                        | ... | 3                                                      | 1     | 4     | 2               |                                                                     |
| 7. Employed in Office                     | ... | 0                                                      | 0     | 1     | 1               |                                                                     |

Total number of Senior Boys employed in Industrial Occupations ... .. 191.

Eleven Senior Boys (also otherwise employed) act as Messengers to Lancaster.

Several others assist in Dormitory and Day-room arrangements, and in dressing and attending on other Patients.

21 Junior Boys are taught needlework, 46 do Kindergarten work, and 11 make beds.

| OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.                   |   | No. employed in each occupation,<br>and quality of work. |       |       |                 | Total<br>number<br>em-<br>ployed. |
|-----------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Chief kinds of Occupation.              |   | Indif-<br>ferent.                                        | Fair. | Good. | Ex-<br>cellent. |                                   |
| 1. Sweeping, dusting, &c, ... ..        |   | 0                                                        | 2     | 6     | 4               | 12                                |
| 2. Bed-making ... ..                    |   | 0                                                        | 9     | 12    | 4               | 25                                |
| 3. Scrubbing and general house work ... |   | 0                                                        | 1     | 2     | 7               | 10                                |
| 4. Laundry-work ... ..                  | } | 0                                                        | 3     | 1     | 10              | 14                                |
| 5. *Sewing and knitting ... ..          |   |                                                          |       |       |                 |                                   |
| Storey Home for Girls—                  |   |                                                          |       |       |                 |                                   |
| Scrubbing and house-work ... ..         |   | 0                                                        | 9     | 6     | 9               | 24                                |
| Sewing and Knitting ... ..              |   | 0                                                        | 2     | 4     | 8               | 14                                |

\*In School 21 Girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle, 12 hem, 10 sew fairly and knit, 11 sew, knit, and darn, and 8 work at basket-making.

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## WORK DONE IN SHOPS, &amp;c.

| Department.               | Made. | Repaired | Department.                                             | Made.   | Repaired |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| TAILORS.                  |       |          | GIRLS' WORKROOM AND WARDROBE.                           |         |          |
| Coats ... ..              | 211   | 25       | Aprons ... ..                                           | 59      | 311      |
| Trousers ... ..           | 485   | 103      | Blouses ... ..                                          | 63      | ...      |
| Vests ... ..              | 211   | 10       | Chemises ... ..                                         | 104     | 1470     |
| Loose Linings... ..       | 608   | ...      | Collars ... ..                                          | ...     | 1567     |
|                           | 1515  | 138      | Drawers... ..                                           | 94      | 2054     |
| TAILORESSES.              |       |          | Dresses ... ..                                          | 52      | 3191     |
| Coats ... ..              | 44    | 3120     | Feeders ... ..                                          | ...     | 347      |
| Overcoats ... ..          | ...   | 306      | Flannel Petticoats ...                                  | 96      | 2125     |
| Trousers ... ..           | 88    | 6463     | Flannel Vests ... ..                                    | 106     | 1625     |
| Vests ... ..              | 44    | 1931     | Hats ... ..                                             | ...     | 16       |
|                           | 176   | 11820    | Hoods ... ..                                            | 48      | 443      |
| SHOEMAKERS.               |       |          | Jackets ... ..                                          | ..      | 10       |
| Boots ... .. (pairs)      | 584   | 2103     | Nightdresses ... ..                                     | 133     | 2797     |
| UPHOLSTERERS.             |       |          | Pinafores ... ..                                        | 231     | 6113     |
| Bolsters ... ..           | 59    | 145      | Shirts ... ..                                           | ...     | 2133     |
| Mats ... ..               | 61    | 6        | Skirts ... ..                                           | 32      | 870      |
| Mattresses... ..          | 77    | 126      | Stays ... ..                                            | ...     | 515      |
| Palliasses ... ..         | ...   | 41       |                                                         | 1018    | 25587    |
|                           | 197   | 318      | LINEN ROOM.                                             |         |          |
| BOYS' WARDROBE.           |       |          | Bolster Slips... ..                                     | 197     | 1050     |
| Aprons ... ..             | ...   | 1552     | Blankets... ..                                          | ...     | 928      |
| Blouses ... ..            | ...   | 7        | Blinds ... ..                                           | 18      | ...      |
| Braces ... ..             | ...   | 44       | Counterpanes ... ..                                     | 67      | 1771     |
| Caps ... ..               | ...   | 391      | Curtains... ..                                          | ...     | 87       |
| Collars ... ..            | ...   | 3015     | Dinner Napkins ... ..                                   | 7       | 84       |
| Drawers ... ..            | ...   | 4258     | Mackintoshes ... ..                                     | 55      | 24       |
| Feeders ... ..            | ...   | 9        | Pillow Slips ... ..                                     | 42      | 1147     |
| Flannel Vests ... ..      | ...   | 1547     | Sheets ... ..                                           | 281     | 3986     |
| Gloves... ..              | ...   | 14       | Table Cloths... ..                                      | 42      | 854      |
| Jackets, Linen... ..      | ...   | 872      | Toilet Covers ... ..                                    | ...     | 110      |
| Jerseys ... ..            | ...   | 40       | Tea Cloths ... ..                                       | 43      | 89       |
| Nightshirts ... ..        | ...   | 1776     | Towels ... ..                                           | 221     | 1494     |
| Shirts ... ..             | ...   | 5803     |                                                         | 973     | 11624    |
| Socks and Stockings ...   | ...   | 5966     | PLUMBERS.                                               |         |          |
|                           | ...   | 25294    | All Plumbing, Glazing, and Smiths' work.                |         |          |
| GIRLS' SCHOOL.            |       |          | CARPENTERS.                                             |         |          |
| Aprons ... ..             | 82    | ...      | All Joinery, Carpentry, Repairing Wooden Furniture, &c. |         |          |
| Chemises ... ..           | 48    | ...      | PAINTER.                                                |         |          |
| Drawers ... ..            | 36    | ...      | Painting, Colouring, Limewashing, and Jobbing.          |         |          |
| Dress ... ..              | 1     | ...      | LAUNDRY.                                                |         |          |
| Dusters ... ..            | 12    | ...      | Number of Pieces Washed :—                              |         |          |
| Feeders ... ..            | 12    | ...      | Sheets ... ..                                           | 52,149  |          |
| Flannel Petticoats ... .. | 42    | ...      | Pinafores ... ..                                        | 37,668  |          |
| Flannel Vests ... ..      | 17    | ...      | Nightshirts ... ..                                      | 24,091  |          |
| Pinafores ... ..          | 49    | ...      | Nightdresses ... ..                                     | 24,961  |          |
| Skirts... ..              | 20    | ...      | Other Articles ... ..                                   | 423,963 |          |
| Towels ... ..             | 12    | ...      |                                                         |         |          |
| Table Cloth ... ..        | 1     | ...      |                                                         |         |          |
| Tea Cloths ... ..         | 12    | ...      |                                                         |         |          |
|                           | 344   | ...      |                                                         |         |          |
|                           |       |          |                                                         | 562,832 |          |

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TABLE

Showing Condition of Patients discharged during year.

|              |                     |     |     |     |     |     | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|--------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|----------|--------|
| "Relieved" { | Much improved       | ... | ... | ... | ..  | ... | 7      | 6        | 13     |
|              | Moderately improved | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10     | 6        | 16     |
|              | Slightly improved   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14     | 6        | 20     |
|              | Not improved        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9      | 0        | 9      |
|              |                     |     |     |     |     |     | 40     | 18       | 58     |

TABLE

Showing Ages of Patients who have resided in the Asylum, and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Resident Medical Officer's Annual Report.

| AGES<br>From 30th June, 1899,<br>To 30th June, 1900. |     | NO. OF EACH AGE<br>RESIDENT. |         |        | NO. OF EACH AGE<br>DECEASED. |         |        |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|---------|--------|------------------------------|---------|--------|
|                                                      |     | Male.                        | Female. | Total. | Male.                        | Female. | Total. |
| From 5 to 10 years                                   | ... | 34                           | 11      | 45     | 1                            | 0       | 1      |
| 10 „ 15 „                                            | ... | 134                          | 76      | 210    | 3                            | 2       | 5      |
| 15 „ 20 „                                            | ... | 153                          | 72      | 225    | 3                            | 1       | 4      |
| 20 and upwards                                       | ... | 124                          | 58      | 182    | 1                            | 0       | 1      |
|                                                      |     | 445                          | 217     | 662    | 8                            | 3       | 11     |

A. R. DOUGLAS,  
RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER.



## EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES.

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**The Right Hon. Sir JOHN T. HIBBERT, K.C.B.**

(CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE),

*At a Public Meeting held at the Town Hall, Bradford, June 18th, 1900.*

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The Right Hon. Sir JOHN T. HIBBERT said: At the date of the first meeting at Bradford, the General Committee had bought 42 acres of land for the purpose of building the Institution, but the foundation stone had not been laid. They now possessed 185 acres of very good land, and it was in a very beautiful situation. They had a building which cost something like £80,000, and their farm buildings, in addition, which also provided accommodation for twelve boys, had cost a considerable sum. They also had the Rodgett Infirmary, presented by the kindly donors whose name it bore, and the Winmarleigh Hall handed down another notable name connected with the Institution. Brunton House had been purchased for the accommodation of private patients, for whom considerable sums were paid annually, and who had the privilege of being trained at the Institution. Then the Storey Home had been given to them by the late Sir Thomas Storey; it was a most beautiful Home, situated on the fine grounds of the Institution, and it provided for the accommodation of forty trained girls, who assisted in the work of the Institution. It saved them from being sent back to their own homes, or to the workhouse, or from returning to any unfortunate position from which they had been taken, and the Home was certainly a magnificent addition to the advantages of the Institution. In addition to all this, they had a sustentation fund which produced nearly £5,000 yearly; it consisted of money given by will or in donations, and he hoped that for all time it would produce a good income for the benefit of the Institution. They had lately been extending the main building, and it had been calculated that this addition would cost about £15,000. Towards this amount they had raised between £4,000 and £5,000, when Lord Ashton came forward with a magnificent gift of £10,000 to complete the work, and they had consequently decided to call the extension the Ashton Wing. One of the wings of the Institution had previously been called the Brooke Wing, in memory of two munificent Yorkshire donors. Having shown them the

magnitude of the Institution, he might add that at that moment it was out of debt. That was no little thing to have built up in the course of 35 years—or 32 years from the laying of the foundation stone. It began as a very small plant, but it had now grown into a very magnificent tree, and he did not himself see any limit to the extension of the Institution in various ways. He did not mean that they were to go on building wings to the Institution itself, but there were beautiful sites on the land belonging to the Institution which were available for any beneficent or kindly persons who wished to provide further Homes for either male or female patients of the Institution. Perhaps Yorkshire might some day see its way to have its own Home for either trained girls or boys. Turning to the inmates, they had at the present moment 590 patients in the Institution. With the Home given by Sir Thomas Storey, they had accommodation for 640 inmates; the new Ashton wing would hold 100 more, bringing up the total accommodation to 740. They now required £2,000 towards the cost of furnishing and providing electric-light fittings for the new wing, and in addition to that they would want additional annual income to the amount of £4,660 to maintain the increased number of patients. For aid in securing this additional annual income he would appeal to Bradford and to Yorkshire generally. Of the 590 patients, the whole of Yorkshire sent 163; 124 of these were from the West Riding alone, 17 coming from Bradford. The number of vacancies offered to each county depended upon the amount of its contributions, and they would see from the voting papers that, whereas 31 candidates came from Yorkshire, only 12 vacancies could be allotted to the county; on the other hand, Lancashire, with 25 candidates, had 15 vacancies. Durham had only 6 places for 12 candidates; and these facts showed the great necessity for increased exertions being made to provide an income sufficient for the needs of these counties. With regard to the patients who had passed through the Institution, he might say that two years ago he found that 2,018 patients had then been received from the commencement, and of these 1,047 had been discharged upon the completion of the seven years' training, and 330 had died, leaving 580 still in the Institution. Of the 1,047 discharged, 7 had entirely recovered, 254 were much improved, 423 were materially improved, and 239 were slightly improved, only 124 out of 1,047 not being improved at all. That was a list of good work done, and it showed that the Institution had been well worthy of the support received. He could refer to numbers of cases in which their patients had succeeded well in the position they had taken after leaving the Institution, but there was one case he was particularly anxious to name, and it was that of one of the patients who had enlisted in the Hussars. This young man came from Cumberland; he had completed his election term of seven years, and had become in the Institution a good joiner, but



his friends failed to find suitable employment for him. He therefore enlisted, and went with his regiment to South Africa, and was with Lord Dundonald's Brigade, which took a prominent part in the relief of Ladysmith. This incident showed what the Institution could do for training a poor weak-minded person, and the fact that they had enabled that one man to go out to fight his country's battles showed that they were doing a good work. Sometimes people declined to appeals on behalf of such patients by suggesting that they should be sent to the lunatic asylum, but in his opinion neither the lunatic asylum nor the workhouse was the proper place for them, though either was an improvement upon what took place in olden times. Sir Frederick Bateman, M.D., in a recent essay on the idiot question, said that formerly "idiocy was classed among the varieties of insanity, and the visitor to a lunatic asylum half a century ago would find the idiots skulking in the corner of a courtyard, chained to a staple, and lying on a litter of straw; in fact, he was considered and treated more like a wild beast than a human being. He had but little talent given, and by neglect or abuse that little was lost, until, growing more and more brutal, he sunk unregretting and unregretted into an early grave, without ever being counted as a man." Now, happily, things were changed. They did look upon the poor idiot and imbecile as man or woman, and, in the North of England, aided by the sympathy of those present and by many other helpers, they were carrying out the object of trying to make the best of these unfortunate creatures. There was one other matter upon which he would touch, and it was with respect to the name of the Institution. In America they had adopted the word "feeble-minded" instead of the terms "idiot" and "imbecile"; and he knew that the Bradford Committee had considered the question, and had recommended to the Central Committee some change of name, and with this suggestion he was in entire accord. It would be a kind consideration for the feelings of parents, and of the more intelligent of the patients themselves, to get rid of those harsh words "idiot" and "imbecile," and therefore the suggestion was that the Asylum should in future be called "The Royal Albert Asylum and Training Institution for the Feeble-Minded," or "the Mentally-Deficient." It was possible, therefore, that at the next annual meeting some proposal would be made for the alteration. Personally, he rather preferred the term "mentally-deficient" to "feeble-minded." In conclusion, he could only add that for many years the northern counties, in trying to mitigate a great social evil, had been doing a glorious work, and their efforts had not been unsuccessful. He could only ask that their sympathy might be continued and even extended, and in that case they might rest fully satisfied that they were joining in carrying on a successful and a Christian work.



## Ald. B. S. BRIGG

(OF KEIGHLEY),

*At a Public Meeting held at Bradford, June 18th, 1900.*

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Alderman B. S. BRIGG, in seconding the resolution, said that the Institution was one which was worthy of the support of the large city of Bradford. They had been told of its magnitude and cost, but not even Mr. Diggins, aided by Mr. France, could, at the moment, estimate the acreage which their buildings covered. It was remarkable that so large a proportion of the inmates came from Bradford and Yorkshire generally. When they were told that the total cost of the Institution, stated at more than £136,000, had been raised entirely by voluntary subscriptions, they might form some idea of the labours which had been incumbent upon the Committee, and especially upon those at Lancaster who had been more intimately associated with the management; and when they found that the expenditure for maintenance last year was about £20,000, they were justified in believing that the Institution was large enough and important enough to justify the support of the city of Bradford and the West Riding of Yorkshire. It was emphatically an Institution of which both the smaller towns and the larger boroughs might be justly proud. And it was not only large but comprehensive also, for in the selection of candidates he need not say that no question of creed or politics ever entered into consideration, and all classes and grades were welcomed. They had private patients, whose parents paid considerable sums to secure for them every possible comfort and alleviation of their affliction, and they had also full-payment cases, reduced payment cases, and patients admitted by election. It was satisfactory to note that the friends and parents of the election patients voluntarily contributed in small sums an amount which aggregated more than £800 per annum. Beyond these, there were the pauper patients, paid for by their unions, for whom there was no other special provision. There was a general consensus of opinion in favour of some provision being made for these afflicted persons by Boards of Guardians and County Councils, so that they need not be returned to the workhouses, and this opinion was strongly held by the Commissioners in Lunacy, who had said: "It is always to us a painful thing to see idiot children, whose mental faculties and physical powers and habits are capable of much development and improvement, wandering, without object or special care, about the wards of a lunatic asylum." But the Royal Albert Asylum was much more than a large asylum or a comprehensive building. It was

essentially an educational Institution ; and he wished to use the word rather in its primary sense of leading, or guiding, or bringing out that which was latent in a child ; that which, in these sad cases, was hidden beneath the dead ashes of the terrible affliction under which they suffered, and he thought it was this aspect of the Institution that especially commended it to their sympathy and support. Possibly the word "asylum" did convey a somewhat wrong impression. The Royal Albert was not merely a retreat or a place of safety ; it was that undoubtedly, but, as he had pointed out, it was also a training Institution. The course of training might not be a very high ideal as regarded from the point of view of the higher board school or technical institute, but who should say that this training was less needed, or that it was less beneficial. Judged by the ordinary standard of competition, the work done in the Institution was excellent, as might be gathered from the examples shown in the corridor, which had excited the admiration and astonishment of those who inspected them. At the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, held at Lancaster some three years ago, the patients gained several prizes in wood-carving, fret-work, basket-work, and in needle-work, tailoring and shoe-making—all of them the result of the careful teaching and training given in the Institution. This training was good for the children, but it was also a great source of comfort to the parents, the happiness of whose homes was thereby to a very large extent restored. The speaker then quoted a number of letters received from the parents of patients, expressive of the deepest gratitude for what had been done for their children. That was the work the Royal Albert Asylum was doing, and that was the work they were asked to enable it to continue and extend ; with perfect confidence he commended the strong claims of the Institution to the further generous support of the philanthropic public of Bradford, of Yorkshire, and of the North of England.

# LIST OF CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM.



- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester, at the Parish Church, Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester (the late), at the Parish Church, Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Capetown, at the Parish Church, Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, at the Parish Church, Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Bonsey, Vicar.
- The Very Rev. the Dean of York (Dr. Purey-Cust), at the Parish Church, Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Bonsey, Vicar.
- The Very Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., (the late Dean of Llandaff), at the Parish Church, Leeds ; Rev. Dr. Atlay (the late), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster ; also at St. Paul's Church, Scotforth, Rev. W. Armitage, Vicar.
- Rev. J. Cooper Antliff, Stanley Street Chapel, Sheffield.
- Rev. W. L. Appleford, Ripley Hospital Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. Armour, St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. Canon Ashwell (the late), Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. R. Atkinson-Grimshaw (the late), Cockerham Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. C. Bache (Alresford), Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. H. Barnacle (the late), Parish Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. H. Glanville Barnacle, Holmes Chapel, Crewe.
- Rev. P. Bartlett (the late), Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. Battle, East Keswick Church, near Leeds.
- Rev. W. Mardon Beeby (the late), Burngreave Congregational Church, Pitsmoor, Sheffield.
- Rev. Dr. Black, Newchurch Church, Warrington.
- Rev. G. L. Blake, St. Mary's Church, Ellel, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon Blunt, Parish Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Francis Bolton, (the late), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon Bonsey, Vicar, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.



- Rev. J. Brack, Skerton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. R. T. Bradbury (the late), St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. W. Bridges, Holme St. Cuthbert Church, Wigton.
- Rev. G. Shaw Briggs, Salem Congregational Church, Otley.
- Rev. W. Barlow Brown (Edgeworth, Bolton), Earlsheaton Wesleyan Church, Dewsbury.
- Rev. C. J. Bushell (the late), Barkisland Church, Halifax.
- Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne-Cave (the late), Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. John Chadwick, Tatham Church, Bentham.
- Rev. S. Chapman, (Glasgow), Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.
- Rev. W. E. Chapman, (Bath), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. A. Christopherson, (Haverthwaite), Caton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. J. Clarke, the late (York), at St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster; Rev. C. Campbell, Vicar.
- Rev. J. F. Cowley, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. John Crawford, Christ Church, East Knottingley.
- Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, (Barrow-in-Furness), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Bonsey, Vicar.
- Rev. John W. Cundey, Emmanuel Church, Bolton-le-Moors.
- Rev. M. W. B. Dawe, (Walkington, Beverley), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. G. Denyer, at St. Elisabeth's Church, Reddish Green, Stockport; Rev. E. Oldfield, Rector.
- Rev. E. Dothie (the late), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. F. Earle, West Tanfield Church, Bedale.
- Rev. S. Earnshaw (the late), at the Parish Church, Sheffield; Rev. Rowley Hill (the late Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Eden (the late), Aberford Church, South Milford.
- Rev. Vickers English, at Warton Parish Church, Carnforth; Rev. T. H. Pain, Vicar.
- Rev. J. Fleming (the late), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. Dr. Flood (the late), at Masham Church, Bedale; Rev. G. M. Gorham, Vicar.
- Rev. W. H. Fothergill, Providence Congregational Church, Middleton, Manchester.
- Rev. J. Francis, (Dunham-on-Trent), St. Anne's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. Lionel Garnett, Christleton Church, Chester.
- Rev. E. Greatorex (the late), Croxdale Church, Durham.
- Rev. E. Green (the late), All Saints' Church, Cockermouth.
- Rev. F. W. Greenhow, East Keswick Church, Leeds.
- Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall (the late), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. J. Hammersley, Allithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands.
- The Rev. J. C. Hanson, at St. Leonard's Church, Thornton-le-Street, Thirsk; Rev. E. G. Wadeson, Vicar.
- Rev. James Harrison, Barbon Church, Kirkby Lonsdale.
- Rev. H. Hassard, Stockton-on-the-Forest Church, York.

Rev. S. Hastings, Rector of Halton, Lancaster; Camp Service of 2nd Adm. Battalion of West Riding Volunteers at Morecambe; also at Worsley Church, Manchester, the Rev. the Marquis of Normanby, Vicar; and at the Parish Church, Lancaster, the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.

Rev. Canon Hawkins, Parish Church, Lytham.

Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.

Rev. T. C. Henley (the late), Kirkby Malham Church, Bell Busk.

Rev. Thompson Hesk, (Chertsey), Wesley Chapel, Whitby.

Rev. Rowley Hill, (the late Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Parish Church Sheffield.

Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.

Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's Church, Keswick.

Rev. C. F. D. Hodge, Parish Church, Esh, Durham.

Rev. A. Hodgkin, Treales Church, Kirkham.

Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.

Ven. Archdeacon Hornby (the late), St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.

Rev. Canon Hornby (the late), St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.

Rev. Phipps J. Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.

Rev. Canon Hoskins, at All Saints' Church, Cockermouth; Rev. E. Green (the late), Vicar.

Rev. A. H. Hughes, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.

Rev. C. F. Husband, St. Cuthbert's Church, Kirkby Ireleth.

Rev. T. H. Irving, St. Paul's Church, Lindale-in-Cartmel.

Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.

Rev. C. H. Joberns, (West Bromwich), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.

Rev. Rees Keene, St. Mary's Church, Gosforth.

Rev. J. Kenworthy, Ackworth Church, Pontefract.

Rev. J. C. Kershaw, St. Leonard's Church, Walton-le-Dale, Preston.

Rev. Wm. C. Kewish, (Wakefield), Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Radcliffe Bridge, Manchester.

Rev. P. C. Kidd (the late), Parish Church, Skipton.

Rev. H. W. Kirby, Field Broughton Church, Grange-over-Sands.

Rev. Peter Knowles, at Warton Parish Church and Priest Hutton Licensed Room, Carnforth; Rev. T. H. Pain, Vicar.

Rev. J. T. Lawton, St. Thomas's Church, Leigh, Lancashire.

Rev. Thos. Leach, Parish Church, Burton-in-Lonsdale.

The Very Rev. W. Lefroy, D.D., Dean of Norwich, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.

Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., (the late), and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at Christ Church, Lancaster.

Rev. J. H. Lomax, Church of St. John the Divine, Thorpe, Halifax.

Rev. Charles H. Lowry, Kirkby Ireleth Church, Kirkby Ireleth.

- Rev. Canon Maclure, (now Dean of Manchester), Holy Trinity Church, Habergham Eaves, Burnley; also at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster, the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. E. R. Mainwaring-White, Eastoft Church, Goole.
- Rev. E. F. Manby (the late), Morecambe Church.
- Rev. R. W. Marriott, (Newark), Aldborough Church, Boroughbridge.
- Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church, Gargrave.
- Rev. Robert Martin, D.D., Irlam Church, near Manchester.
- Rev. John Mathwin, West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Thomas Meadows, Thornton Church, Poulton-le-Fylde.
- Rev. J. M. Morgan, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness
- Rev. G. G. Morton, Parish Church, Ulverston.
- Rev. W. W. Mote (Henham, Essex), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. D. C. Neary, D.D., (the late), South Ossett Church, Wakefield.
- Rev. A. M. Norman, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. T. J. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.
- Rev. John Owen (the late), Unitarian Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. J. L. Pain (the late), St. John's Church, Silverdale; also at Warton Church, Rev. T. H. Pain, Vicar.
- Rev. T. H. Pain, Warton Parish Church, Carnforth.
- Rev. R. C. Pattenson, Melmerby Church, Penrith.
- Rev. Wilson Pedder (the late), Churchtown Church, Garstang.
- Rev. F. E. Perrin (the late), Ribchester.
- Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.
- Rev. W. E. Pryke, (Barnstaple), at the Parish Church, Lancaster, Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar; and at Warton Church and Priest Hutton Licensed Room, Rev. T. H. Pain, Vicar.
- Rev. Richard Ray (the late), Wesleyan Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. T. P. Rigby, Aughton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., (now Lord Bishop of Perth, Western Australia), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Robinson, Parish Church, Bolton Abbey.
- Rev. W. Rose, Petre Street Chapel, Sheffield.
- Rev. C. Twemlow Royds (the late), Heysham Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. A. D. Shafto, (the late), Brancepeth Church, Durham.
- Rev. R. N. Sharpe (the late), St. Mary's Church, Hundersfield, Rochdale.
- Rev. W. Shilleto (the late), Goosnargh Church, Preston.
- Rev. J. Simpson (the late), Kirkby Stephen, at the Parish Church, Kirkby Lonsdale; the Rev. Canon Ware (now Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness), Vicar.
- Rev. Wm. Sleigh, St. John's Church, Silverdale.
- Rev. George W. Smith, St. Paul's Church, Waterhouses, Durham.
- Rev. J. G. Smith, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley Street, Sheffield.
- Rev. James Smith, Wicker Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.



- Rev. W. Smith, Shadwell Church, Leeds.
- Rev. T. Jackson Smith, (Patcham, Brighton), St. Thomas' Church, Leigh, Lancashire.
- Rev. H. A. Starkie, Pendleton, (Clitheroe), Radcliffe Church, Manchester.
- Rev. Canon Stewart and Rev. John Creaser, at St. John Baptist's Church, Tue Brook, Liverpool; Rev. John C. Reade, Vicar.
- Rev. W. Stocks, St. Leonard's Church, Downham, Clitheroe.
- Rev. Geo. Style, Giggleswick, Settle.
- Rev. Alexander Thomson, D.D. the late, (Manchester), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. B. Tylecote, Lowther Church, Penrith.
- Rev. C. C. Tyte (the late), Broompark Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
- Rev. Canon Upperton, Ince Church, Chester.
- Rev. G. F. Weston (the late), Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.
- Rev. E. White (the late), Quernmore Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. Stuart White, Parish Church, Esh, Durham; also at All Saints' Eshwinning, and Ushaw Moor, Durham.
- Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ainstable Church, Penrith.
- Rev. R. W. Wilson, Sutton Church, Cross Hills.
- Rev. Thos. Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.
- Rev. P. J. Woodcock, St. Paul's Church, Chester.
- Rev. A. Woods, at Allithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands; Rev. J. Hammersley, Vicar.
- Rev. John Wordsworth (Carlisle), Gosforth Church, Gosforth, Cumberland.
- Rev. T. H. Wright, (Lytham), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster, per Rev. J. F. Cowley.
- Rev. W. Yates, Arley Parish Church, Northwich.



## PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

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- Ackrill, R., Harrogate, Ornamental Type for Printing.  
 Allen, Wm., Macclesfield, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Anonymous, Leeds, Parcel of Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.  
 Armstrong, P., Leeds, 3s. 9d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Ashburner, Miss, Kirkby-in-Furness, Dolls for Christmas Tree.  
 Barnes, John, Preston, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Barrow, Mrs. Thomas, Baldrand, Lancaster, 101 Bags of Sweets for Christmas Tree.  
 Barrow, Mrs. W., Dalton Square, Lancaster, 2 dozen Bags of Sweets, Toys and Magazines for Christmas Tree.  
 Bell, Thomas, Lancaster, 24 Picture Books for Christmas Tree.  
 Bell, Ald. W., 10s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Bingham, Misses, Lancaster, Toys, Dolls, Work-boxes, Knitted Woollen Cuffs, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Blades, Mrs., Parkfield, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree ; £1 1s. additional for Staff Library ; also Gramophone and 6 dozen Discs.  
 Bond, Miss, Oakbank, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.  
 Brodrick, Mrs., Farnley, Leeds, Books, Scarves, Sweets and Games for Christmas Tree.  
 Brown, Miss, Ingleton, Knitted Woollen Cuffs for Christmas Tree.  
 Bull, Mrs., London, 5s. for Christmas Tree  
 Chaine, Miss, Lancaster, Dolls for Christmas Tree.  
 Clark, Miss, Queen Street, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Clark, Mrs. E. G., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.  
 Clarke, J. E., Lancaster, Illustrated Papers.  
 Codd, Mrs., Brighton, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Combe, John, Grantham, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Cousins, Mrs., Lancaster, Large Stocking full of Toys for Christmas Tree.  
 Craven Joseph, Thornton, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Crossley, Mrs. D. J., Helden Bridge, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Dicksons, Limited Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester, 5,400 Bulbs of various kinds.  
 Diggins, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. 6d. and 28 pairs of Knitted Woollen Cuffs for Christmas Tree ; also 10s. 6d. additional for Staff Library.  
 Douglas, Mrs., R.A.A., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Elliott, Wm., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Foster, Colonel, M.P., and Mrs. Foster, Hornby Castle, Lancaster, Large Case of Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Gibson, Thomas, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Gill, T., and Mrs. Gill, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Girls' Friendly Society Candidates, per Miss Ashburner, Kirkby-in-Furness, Scrap Books and Knitted Cuffs for Christmas Tree.  
 Godden, Isaac L. (ex-pupil of the R.A.A.), Sheffield, Picture Books for Christmas Tree.  
 Greenwood and Whitehead, Lancaster, Case of Oranges and two Bags of Nuts for Christmas Tree.  
 Greg, Albert, Caton, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Harris, Samuel J., Halton Park, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Harris, Mrs., Halton Park, Lancaster, 3 dozen Knitted Balls for Christmas Tree.  
 Heald, The Misses, Lancaster, Balls and Woollen Scarves for Christmas Tree.  
 Helme, N. W., Springfield Hall, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.  
 Hetherington, George, Scotforth, Knitted Woollen Scarves for Christmas Tree.  
 Heywood, Arthur H., Windermere, £2 for Christmas Tree.

- Hibbert, The Right Hon. Sir John T., and Lady Hibbert, Grange-over-Sands, £2 for Christmas Tree.
- Hill, Albert, Halifax, Drawing Slates, Boxes of Bricks, and other Toys, for Christmas Tree.
- Hind, Mrs., Barnoldswick, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Holland, Mr. and Mrs., R.A.A., 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Huntington, Mr. Ald. and Mrs. Wm., Ashford House, Scotforth, Toys, Purses, Necklaces, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Hutchence, John, Catterall, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Hutchence, W. G. & Co., Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Jackson, G. W., Jarrow-on-Tyne, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Jeeves, Mrs., Malvern, £1 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Johnson, Mrs. A., Hull, Illustrated Papers for Christmas Tree.
- Keir, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys, for Christmas Tree.
- Kelly and Co., Limited, London, "Kelly's Handbook to be Titled and Official Classes," for 1900.
- Kilgour, Miss F., York, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Kilgour, Master H., York, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Killey, G. D., Waterloo, Liverpool, £1 1s for Christmas Tree.
- Lawrence, Miss E., Wandsworth, London, Doll with Cradle and Bedding for Christmas Tree.
- Lee, A. O., Luddenden Foot, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Lumb, S., Luddenden, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Macdonald, Mrs., Fern Bank, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- McRaith, A., Lancaster, 10 Large Dolls, for Christmas Tree.
- Millington, Mrs. G., Lancaster, Games, Writing Cases, Work Boxes, Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Milner, E. & J. L., Lancaster, Boxes of Stationery and Picture Books, for Christmas Tree.
- Nickson, J., Blackpool, Two Cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Paget-Tomlinson, W. S., M.D., Kirkby Lonsdale, 30 Rabbits.
- Paley, Miss, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Pickford, Miss, Carnforth, Parcel of Illustrated Papers for Christmas Tree.
- Pilkington, J. R. B., Lancaster, Knitted Woollen Articles, Dolls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Powell, W. K., Preston, 150 Fancy Boxes of Biscuits for Christmas Tree.
- Preston, J. T., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Ramsbotham, Dr., and Mrs. Ramsbotham, Leeds, Case of Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, J. Selwyn, Sowerby Bridge, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, Mrs. F. E., Thorpe, Halifax, £1 1s for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, F. Gerald S., Thorpe, Halifax, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Religious Tract Society. per Rev. H. W. Smith, Lancaster, unbound Magazines and Cards for Christmas Tree.
- Reynolds and Branson, Leeds, Toys, Fancy Boxes, Portrait Frames, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Richards, T., Middleton, 4s. for Christmas Tree.
- Robson, W., Harrogate, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Satterthwaite, John, Scotforth, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Shand, W., Lancaster, Mistletoe and Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Shaw, Mrs. E. B., Lancaster, Box of Handkerchiefs for Christmas Tree.
- Sherson, The Misses Yealand Conyers, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Shuttleworth, Mrs., Richmond, Surrey, Dolls and Scrap Books for Christmas Tree ; also Books for Staff and Patients' Libraries.
- Simpson, Matthew, Lancaster, Illustrated Christmas Papers.
- Smith, Miss, London, 20 pairs of Knitted Woollen Cuffs for Christmas Tree.
- Smith, Miss, County Asylum, Lancaster, Dolls and Cuffs for Christmas Tree.
- Smith, T. D. and Son, Lancaster, Two Cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- "Smith, Wm., Festival Committee" Toys.
- Somervell, Mrs. Colin, Tenterfield, Kendal, Christmas Cards and Pictures.
- Starkie, Mrs. J. P. C., Scarthwaite, Lancaster, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
- Stephenson, Mrs. W. K. Lancaster, Two Boxes of Biscuits for Christmas Tree.
- Storey, Lady, Westfield House, Lancaster, Large Case of Toys ; also Apples, Oranges, and Box of Toys for Christmas Tree ; also Articles of Costume for Entertainment.
- Storey, Miss, Westfield House, Lancaster, Dress, &c., for Entertainment.



- Storey, Mrs. E., Crosslands, Lancaster, £2 for Christmas Tree.  
 Sutcliffe, Mrs. E. M., Lancaster, Books and Dolls for Christmas Tree.  
 Sutcliffe, Mrs. A., Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Telford-Smith, Mrs., Bromley, Kent, Toys for Christmas Tree.  
 Tennant, Miss, Lancaster Dolls for Christmas Tree  
 Todd, Mrs. and The Misses, Regent Street, Lancaster, Sweets, Scrap Books, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Turner, Joseph, Sowerby Bridge, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Welch, W. G., Hampson, Ellel, 10s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Welch, Master R., and Miss F. Welch, Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.  
 Whitley, John, West House, Halifax, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Wigley, J. M., Market Street, £1 1s., Picture Books and Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree : also Fancy Type for Printing.  
 Wild, Mr. Oldham, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Wilkinson, Miss M. E., Burton-in-Lonsdale, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.  
 Wilson, C., Leeds, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.  
 Wingate-Saul, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Worthington, J., Walkden, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Worthington, Mrs., Lancaster, Dolls, Woollen Scarves and Toys for Christmas Tree.  
 Wright, Mrs. L., Bowerham, Lancaster, Workboxes, Games, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Wright, W. R., Lancaster 36 dozen Candles for Christmas Tree.  
 Wrigley, Mrs., and Miss Wrigley, Windermere, Case of Toys, Cards, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 "X.Y.Z.," Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
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# CENSUS OF IDIOTS AND IMBECILES.

## ENGLAND AND WALES.

Number of Idiots and Imbeciles returned in the Householders' Schedules at the Census of 1881 :—

|                   |                     |                   |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| MALES.<br>16,105. | FEMALES.<br>16,612. | TOTAL.<br>32,717. |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|

*The Seven Northern Counties comprising the Royal Albert Asylum District :—*

|                              | MALES. | FEMALES. | TOTAL. |
|------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| LANCASHIRE ... ..            | 1911   | 1798     | 3709   |
| YORKSHIRE ... ..             | 1414   | 1489     | 2903   |
| DURHAM ... ..                | 292    | 322      | 614    |
| CHESHIRE... ..               | 376    | 382      | 758    |
| NORTHUMBERLAND ... ..        | 258    | 228      | 486    |
| CUMBERLAND... ..             | 106    | 103      | 209    |
| WESTMORLAND ... ..           | 40     | 45       | 85     |
| Total of the District ... .. | 4397   | 4367     | 8764   |

The returns are, undoubtedly, far below the actual number. It is obvious that, for various reasons, many persons throughout the country, who unquestionably belong to the class "Idiots and Imbeciles," would not be returned as such in the Householders' Schedules; and, as an illustration of the great difficulty of procuring accurate statistics on the subject, it may be mentioned that at the Census of 1871 the Superintendent Registrar of an extensive district ascertained, after careful enquiry, that fully 25 per cent. of the Idiots and Imbeciles in his district had not been returned. It may be assumed that the Census Officers of the district secured more than average completeness in their returns, as they received precise and special instructions to see that the Column in the Schedules headed "Imbecile or Idiot" was filled up in all proper cases.

The number of Idiots and Imbeciles of 5 years of age and under 20, returned in the Seven Northern Counties at the Census of 1881 was 2422. Probably a great many at the early period of life would not be entered in the Schedules, owing to the natural disinclination of parents to conclude that their children are so far mentally afflicted as to render it necessary to return them as Idiots or Imbeciles.

The following is the Ratio of returned Idiots and Imbeciles to the entire population in the several places named (Census 1881):—

| Name.                 | Population | Idiots and Imbeciles. | Persons to One Idiot or Imbecile. | Idiots & Imbeciles per 20,000 persons. |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| ENGLAND AND WALES     | 25,974,439 | 32717                 | 794                               | 25·2                                   |
| THE SEVEN COUNTIES    | 8,627,156  | 8764                  | 984                               | 20·3                                   |
| LANCASHIRE ... ..     | 3,485,819  | 3709                  | 940                               | 21·2                                   |
| YORKSHIRE ... ..      | 2,894,759  | 2903                  | 997                               | 20·0                                   |
| DURHAM... ..          | 875,166    | 614                   | 1425                              | 14·0                                   |
| CHESHIRE ... ..       | 622,365    | 758                   | 821                               | 24·3                                   |
| NORTHUMBERLAND ... .. | 434,086    | 486                   | 893                               | 22·4                                   |
| CUMBERLAND ... ..     | 250,647    | 209                   | 1199                              | 16·7                                   |
| WESTMORLAND ... ..    | 64,314     | 85                    | 757                               | 26·4                                   |

NOTE.—The Counties are Registration Counties which differ slightly from the Geographical Counties.

LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED.

LANCASHIRE.

|                               | No. |                           | No. |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| Ashton-under-Lyne...          | 3   | Lytham ...                | 1   |
| Atherton ...                  | 1   | Manchester and Salford... | 87  |
| Bamford, Rochdale...          | 1   | Middleton, Manchester ... | 1   |
| Barrow-in-Furness ...         | 2   | Milnrow, Rochdale...      | 1   |
| Bedford-Leigh ...             | 4   | Oldham ...                | 19  |
| Blackburn ...                 | 11  | Ormskirk ...              | 2   |
| Bolton-le-Moors ...           | 15  | Penwortham, Preston ...   | 1   |
| Burnley ...                   | 5   | Prescot, Liverpool ...    | 5   |
| Bury ...                      | 6   | Preston ...               | 8   |
| Caton, Lancaster ...          | 1   | Radcliffe ...             | 2   |
| Clitheroe ...                 | 1   | Ribchester, Preston ...   | 1   |
| Darwen ...                    | 1   | Rochdale ...              | 8   |
| Farnworth, Bolton-le-Moors... | 2   | Seaforth, Liverpool...    | 1   |
| Garston, Liverpool ...        | 2   | St. Anne's-on-Sea ...     | 1   |
| Grange-over-Sands ...         | 3   | Southport ...             | 2   |
| Heaton Norris ...             | 1   | Ulverston ...             | 2   |
| Helmshore... ..               | 1   | Warrington ...            | 1   |
| Inskip, Preston ...           | 1   | Werneth, Oldham ...       | 1   |
| Kirkby-in-Furness ...         | 1   | Wigan... ..               | 2   |
| Kirkham, Preston ...          | 1   |                           |     |
| Lancaster ...                 | 8   |                           |     |
| Liverpool ...                 | 48  |                           |     |

CESHIRE.

|                   |    |                  |    |
|-------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Alderley Edge ... | 1  | Liscard ...      | 1  |
| Alsager ...       | 1  | Lymm... ..       | 1  |
| Birkenhead ...    | 7  | Macclesfield ... | 7  |
| Chester ...       | 10 | Sandbach ...     | 1  |
| Congleton ...     | 1  | Spurstow ...     | 1  |
| Crewe ...         | 3  | Stalybridge ...  | 1  |
| Disley ...        | 1  | Stockport ...    | 10 |
| Hoylake ...       | 2  | Tranmere ...     | 1  |
| Hyde ...          | 2  | Winsford ...     | 2  |
| Knutsford ...     | 1  |                  |    |



## YORKSHIRE.

|                              | No. |                                | No. |
|------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| Allerton, Bradford ... ..    | 1   | Marske-by-the-Sea ... ..       | 2   |
| Barkisland, Halifax... ..    | 1   | Mexborough ... ..              | 1   |
| Barnsley ... ..              | 2   | Middlesbrough ... ..           | 3   |
| Batley Carr, Dewsbury... ..  | 1   | Morley, Leeds ... ..           | 1   |
| Bentham ... ..               | 1   | Mytholmroyd ... ..             | 1   |
| Bingley, Bradford ... ..     | 3   | Northallerton ... ..           | 1   |
| Boroughbridge ... ..         | 1   | North Bierley ... ..           | 1   |
| Bradford ... ..              | 7   | Ovenden, Halifax ... ..        | 1   |
| Brighouse, Halifax ... ..    | 1   | Pontefract ... ..              | 1   |
| Campsall, Doncaster ... ..   | 1   | Queensbury, Bradford ... ..    | 1   |
| Carlton, Snaith ... ..       | 1   | Rastrick, Halifax ... ..       | 3   |
| Cleckheaton ... ..           | 1   | Redcar ... ..                  | 1   |
| Dewsbury ... ..              | 5   | Richmond ... ..                | 1   |
| Doncaster ... ..             | 4   | Ripon ... ..                   | 1   |
| Goole ... ..                 | 1   | Rossington, Doncaster ... ..   | 1   |
| Guisborough ... ..           | 1   | Rotherham ... ..               | 8   |
| Halifax ... ..               | 13  | Saddleworth ... ..             | 1   |
| Harrogate ... ..             | 2   | Saltaire, Bradford ... ..      | 1   |
| Hebden Bridge, Halifax... .. | 1   | Scarborough ... ..             | 1   |
| Hipperholme ... ..           | 1   | Sharlston, Wakefield ... ..    | 1   |
| Horsforth, Leeds ... ..      | 1   | Sheffield ... ..               | 12  |
| Huddersfield ... ..          | 8   | Shipley, Bradford ... ..       | 1   |
| Hull ... ..                  | 7   | Siddal, Halifax ... ..         | 1   |
| Keighley ... ..              | 1   | Skipton ... ..                 | 3   |
| Knaresborough... ..          | 1   | Stanningley, Leeds... ..       | 1   |
| Knowlmere ... ..             | 1   | Stocksbridge, Sheffield ... .. | 1   |
| Leeds ... ..                 | 28  | Wakefield ... ..               | 5   |
| Long Preston ... ..          | 1   | Whitley Bridge ... ..          | 1   |
| Low Moor, Bradford ... ..    | 2   | York ... ..                    | 8   |
| Luddenden, Halifax ... ..    | 1   |                                |     |
| Malton... ..                 | 1   |                                |     |

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## DURHAM.

|                        |   |                       |   |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| Bishop Auckland ... .. | 6 | Lanchester ... ..     | 1 |
| Catchgate ... ..       | 1 | Langley Moor ... ..   | 1 |
| Coundon ... ..         | 1 | Ravensworth ... ..    | 1 |
| Coxhoe ... ..          | 1 | Ryhope ... ..         | 1 |
| Darlington... ..       | 5 | Seaham Harbour ... .. | 1 |
| Durham ... ..          | 2 | South Shields ... ..  | 4 |
| Easington ... ..       | 2 | Spennymoor ... ..     | 2 |
| Gateshead... ..        | 9 | Stockton ... ..       | 2 |
| Hartlepool... ..       | 1 | Sunderland ... ..     | 5 |
| Haswell ... ..         | 1 | Waterhouses ... ..    | 1 |
| Jarrow... ..           | 1 |                       |   |

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## CUMBERLAND.

|                       |   |                   |   |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Aspatria ... ..       | 1 | Lamplugh ... ..   | 1 |
| Bootle ... ..         | 1 | Maryport ... ..   | 1 |
| Carlisle ... ..       | 8 | St. Bees ... ..   | 1 |
| Cockermouth ... ..    | 5 | Wigton ... ..     | 2 |
| Crosby-on-Eden ... .. | 1 | Whitehaven ... .. | 1 |
| Eskdale Green ... ..  | 1 | Workington ... .. | 1 |
| Gosforth ... ..       | 2 |                   |   |
| Keswick ... ..        | 2 |                   |   |

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WESTMORLAND.

|                        | No. |                        | No.      |
|------------------------|-----|------------------------|----------|
| Ambleside ... ..       | 1   | Lowther Village ... .. | 1        |
| Appleby ... ..         | 1   | Milburn ... ..         | 1        |
| Bowness ... ..         | 1   | Penrith ... ..         | 1        |
| Kendal ... ..          | 4   |                        |          |
| Kirkby Lonsdale ... .. | 2   |                        |          |
| Kirkby Stephen ... ..  | 1   |                        |          |
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NORTHUMBERLAND.

|                         |   |                      |          |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------|----------|
| Alnwick ... ..          | 1 | North Shields ... .. | 1        |
| Ashington ... ..        | 1 | Tynemouth ... ..     | 1        |
| Berwick ... ..          | 1 |                      |          |
| Howdon-on-Tyne ... ..   | 1 |                      |          |
| Newcastle-on-Tyne... .. | 7 |                      |          |
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| WESTMORLAND ... ..    | 13        |
| NORTHUMBERLAND ... .. | 13        |
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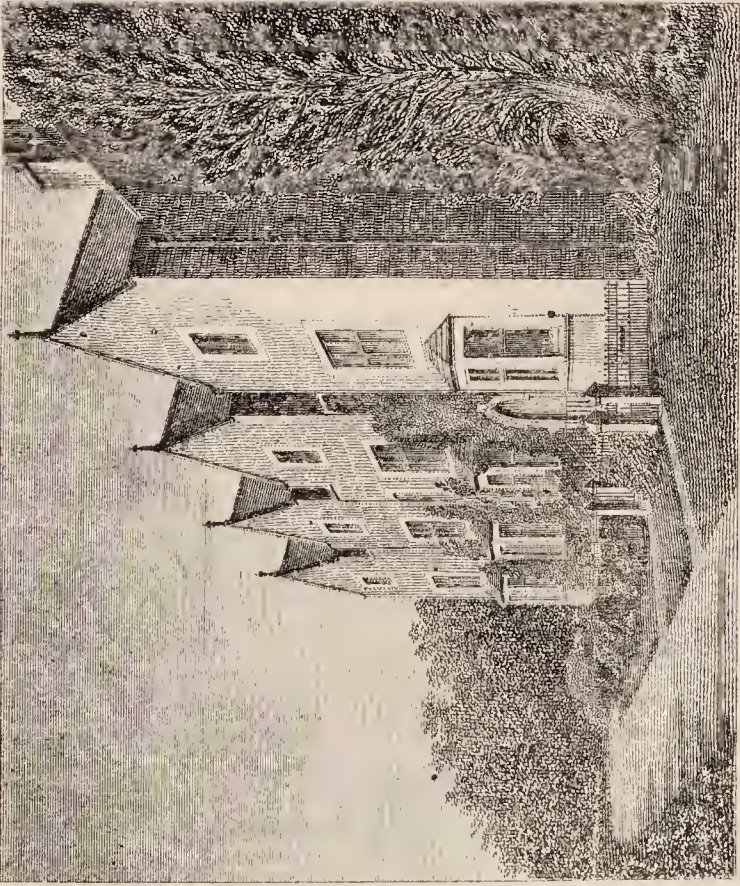
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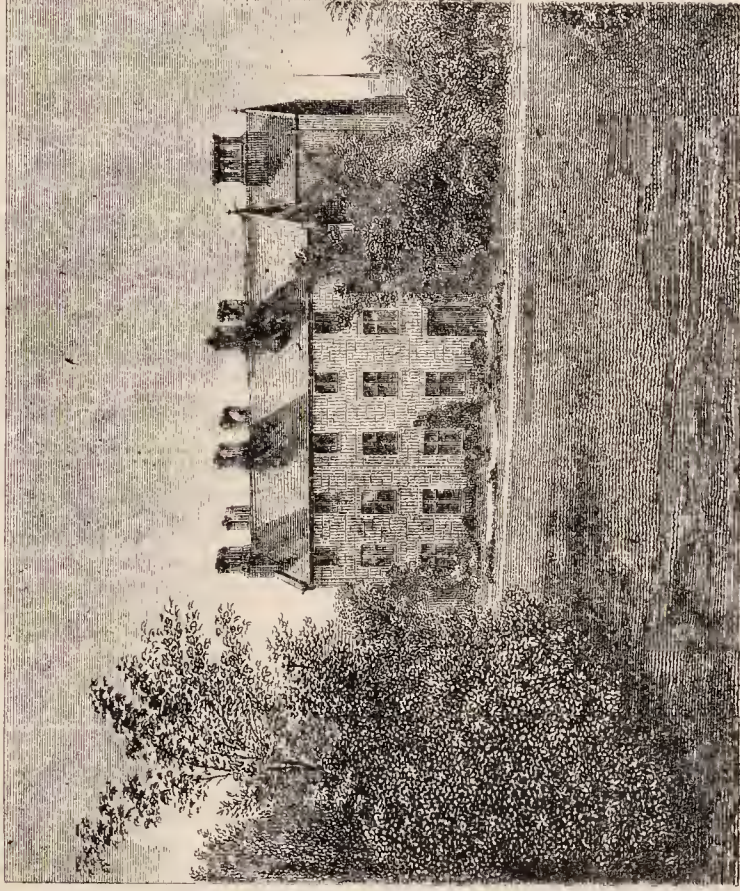
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